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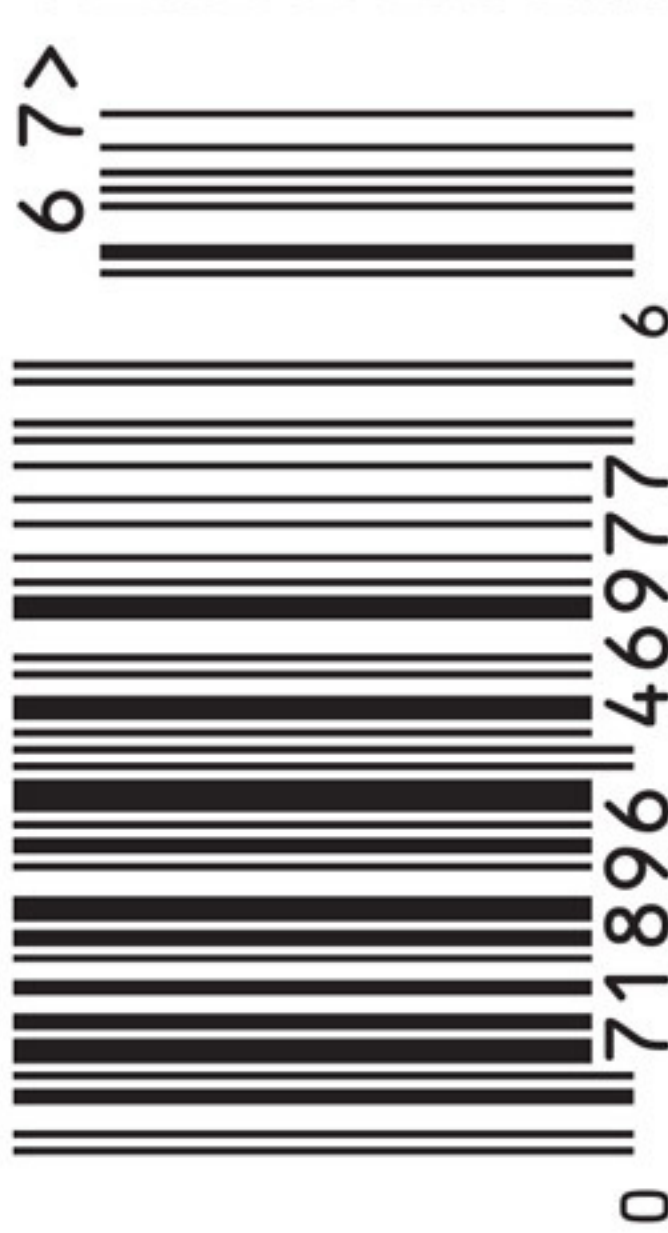
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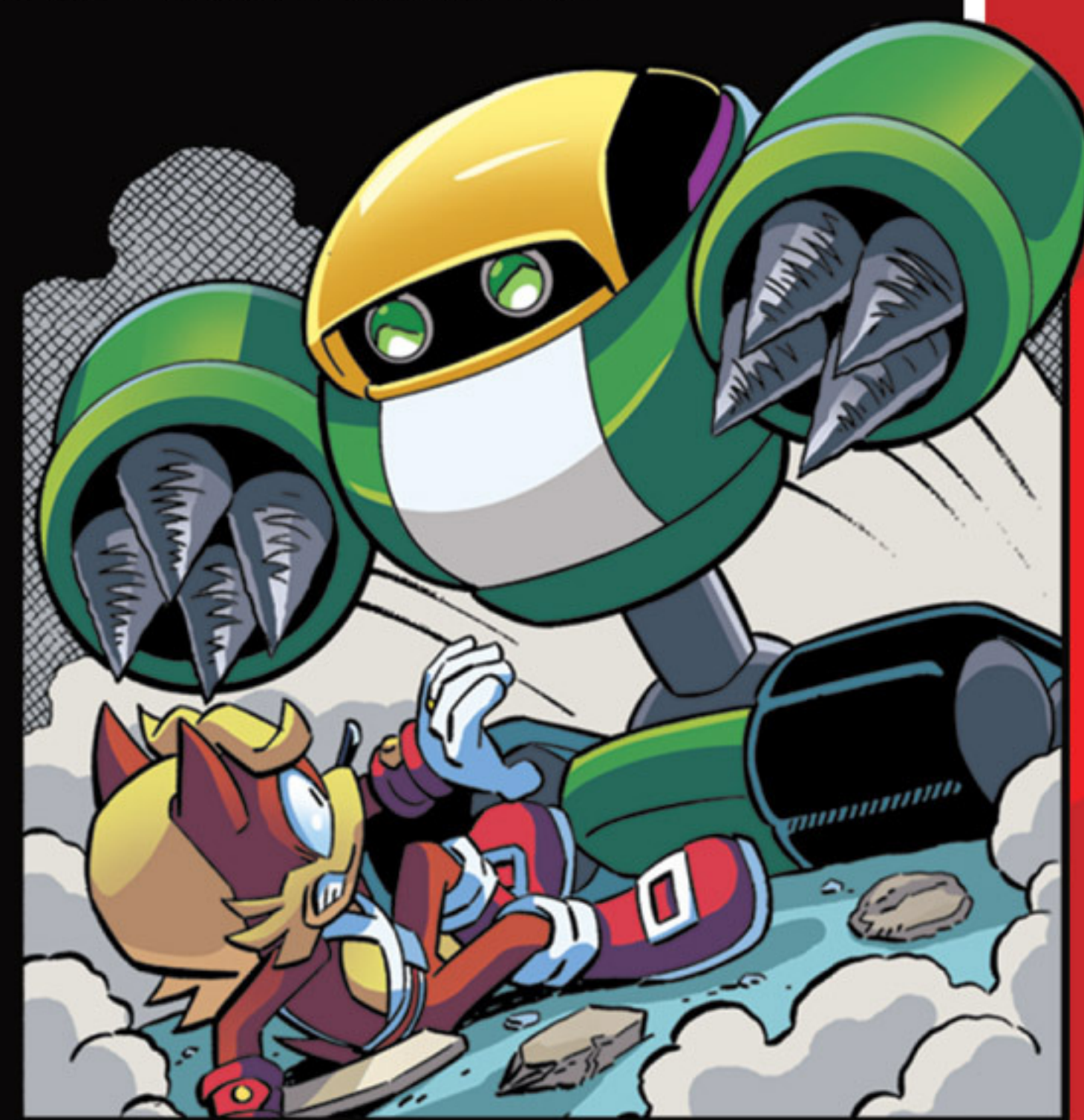
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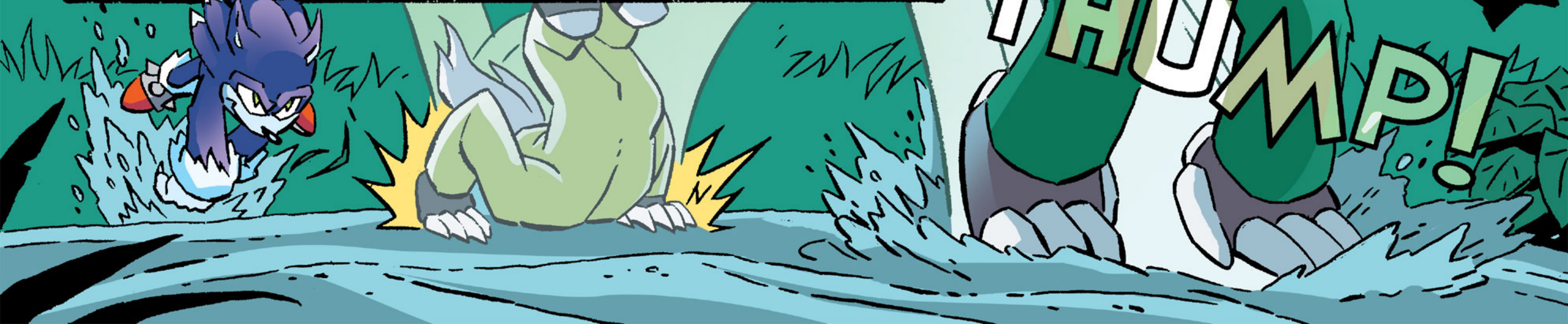
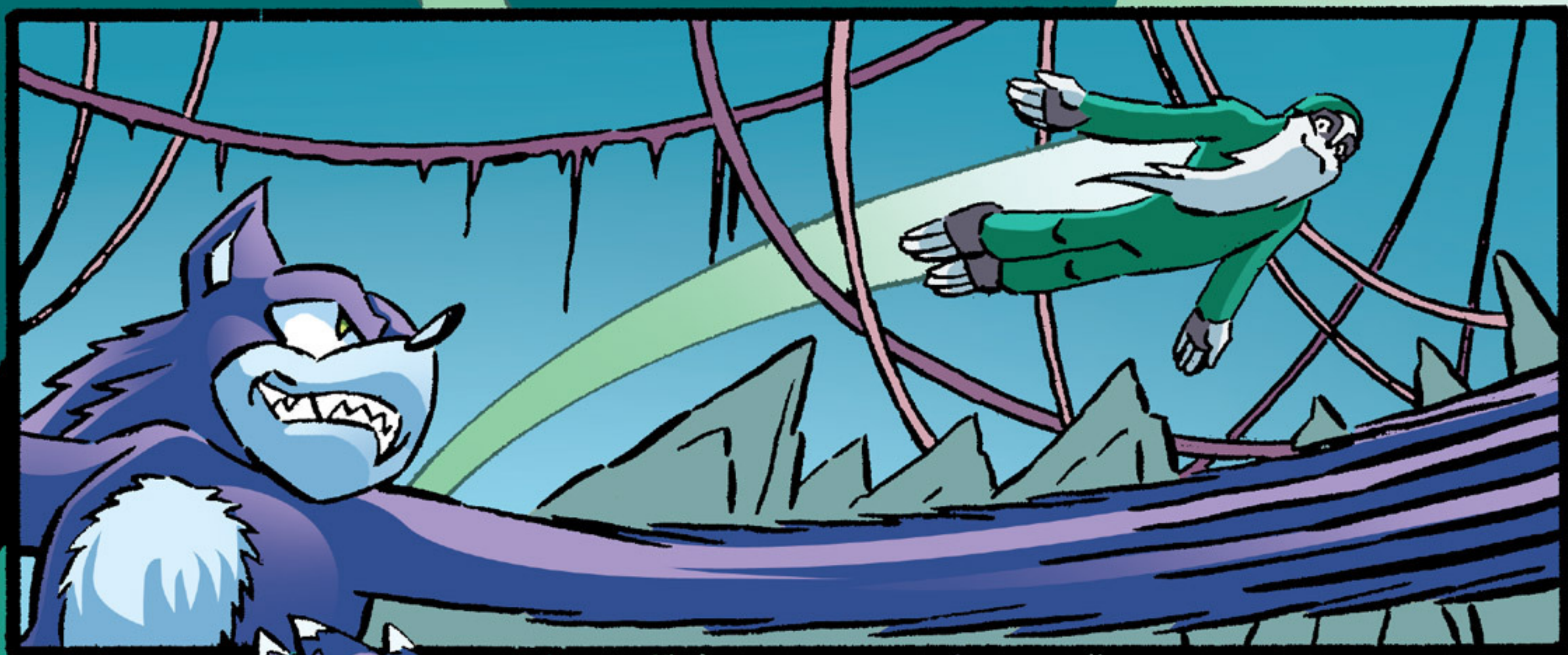
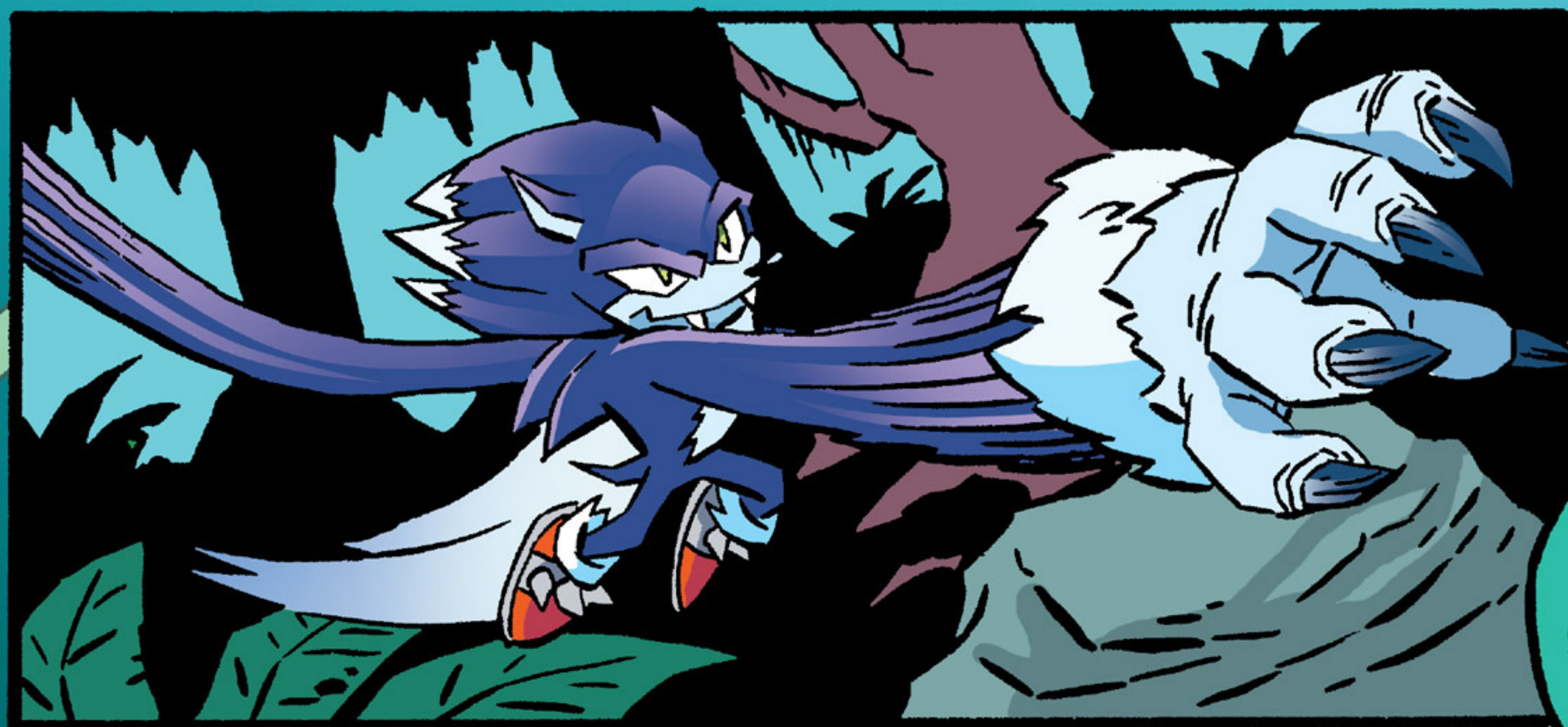
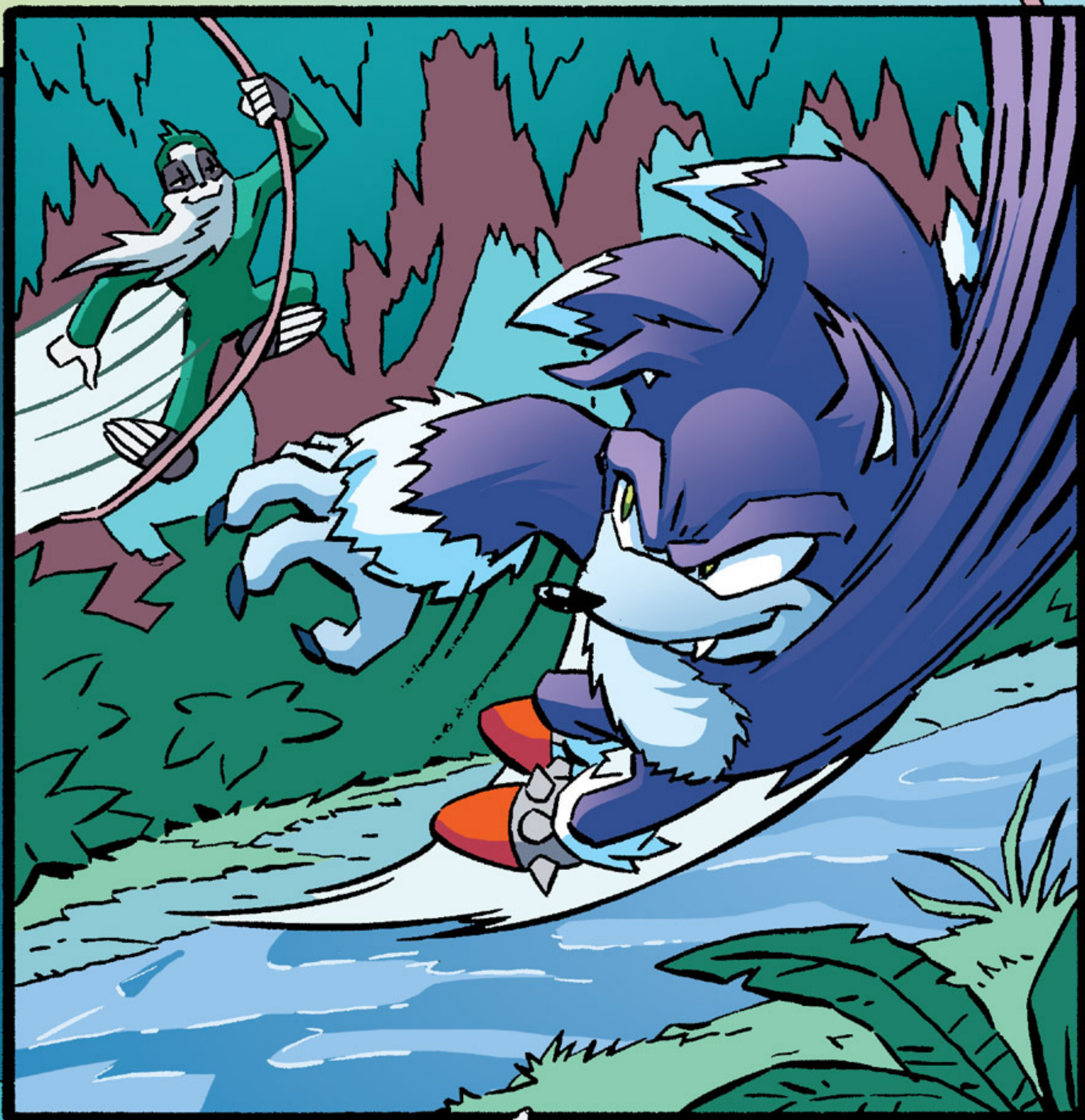
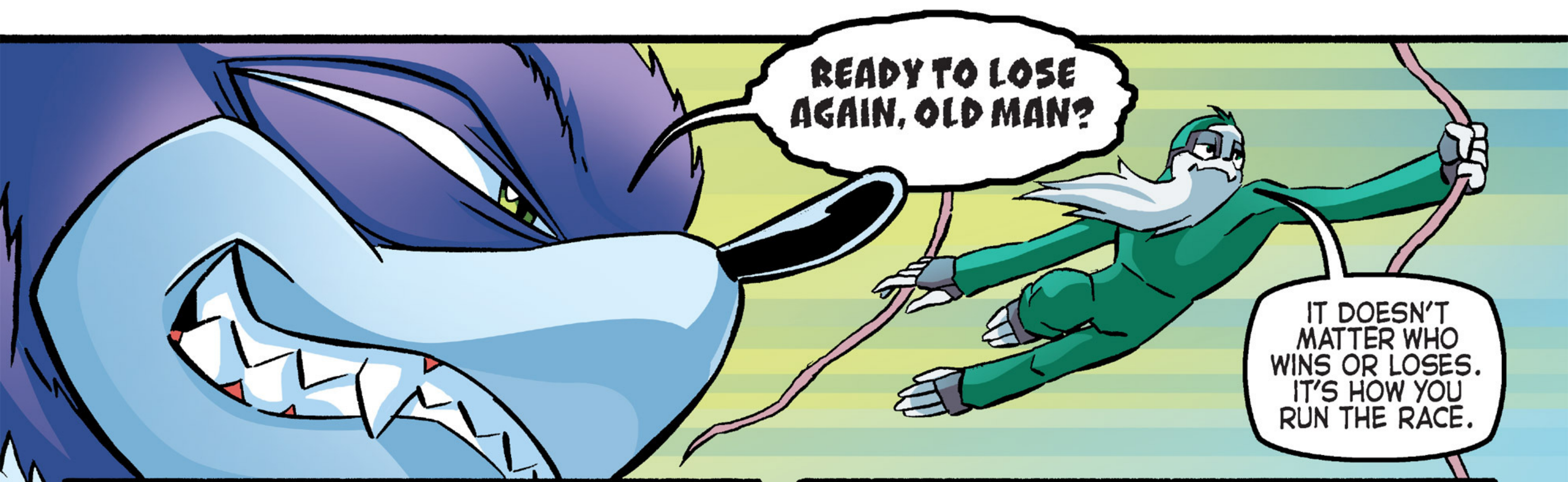
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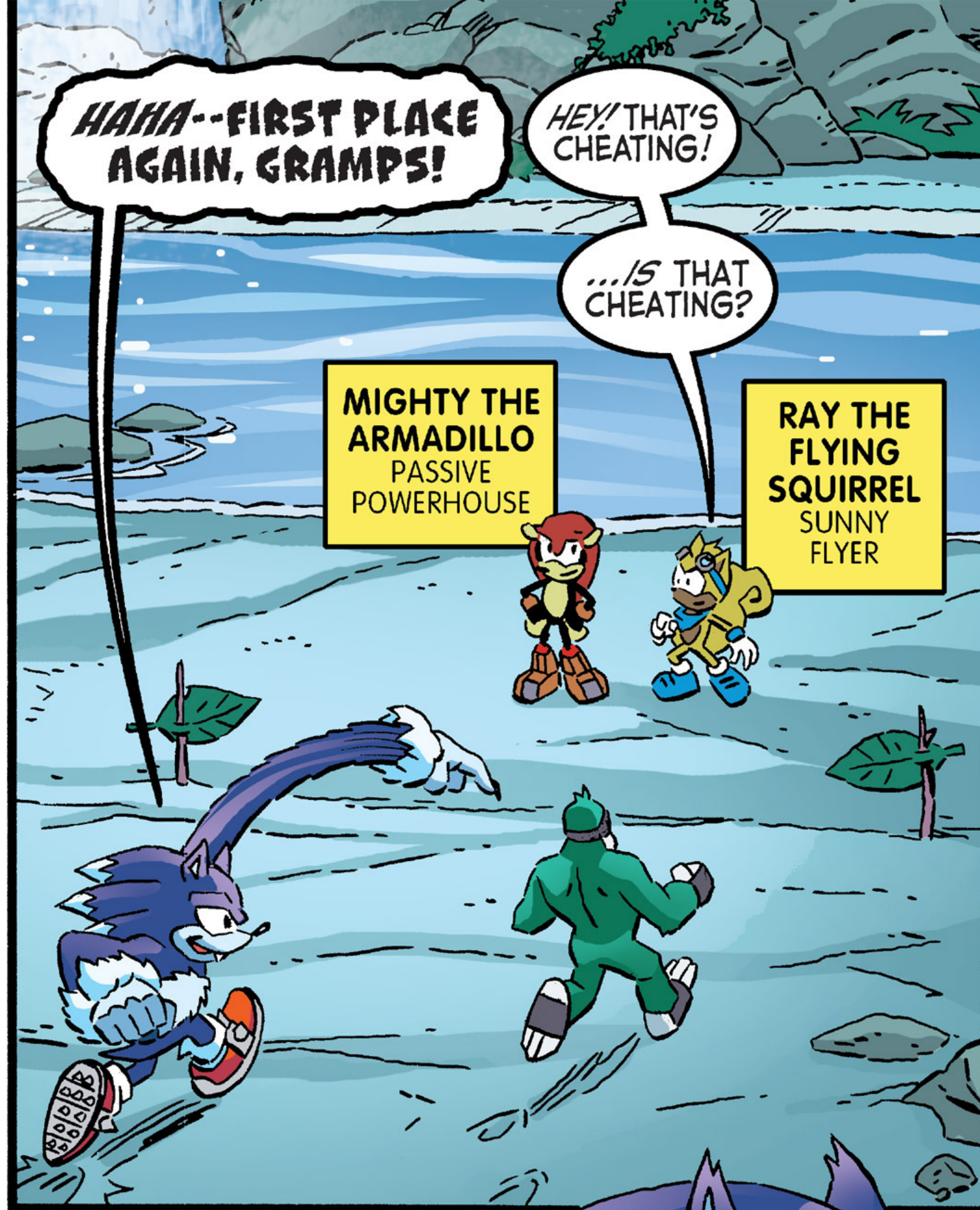
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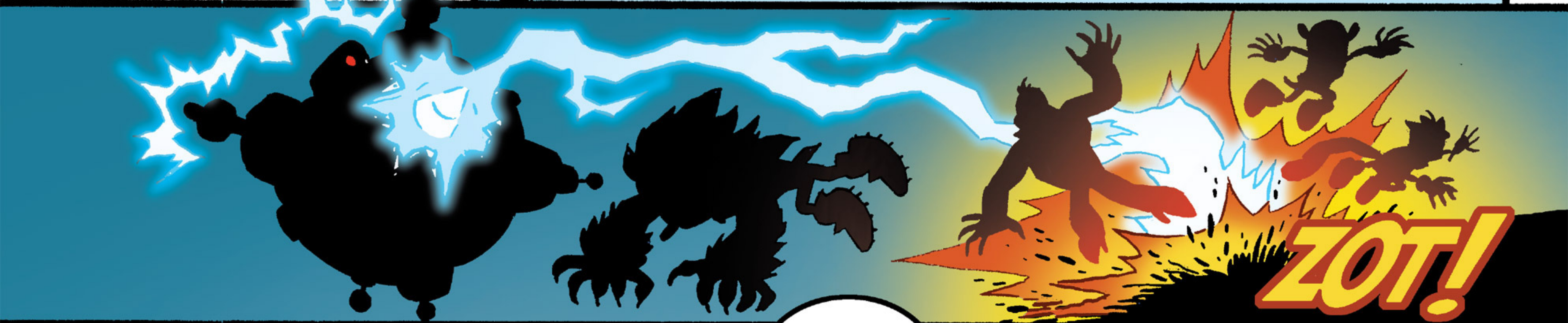
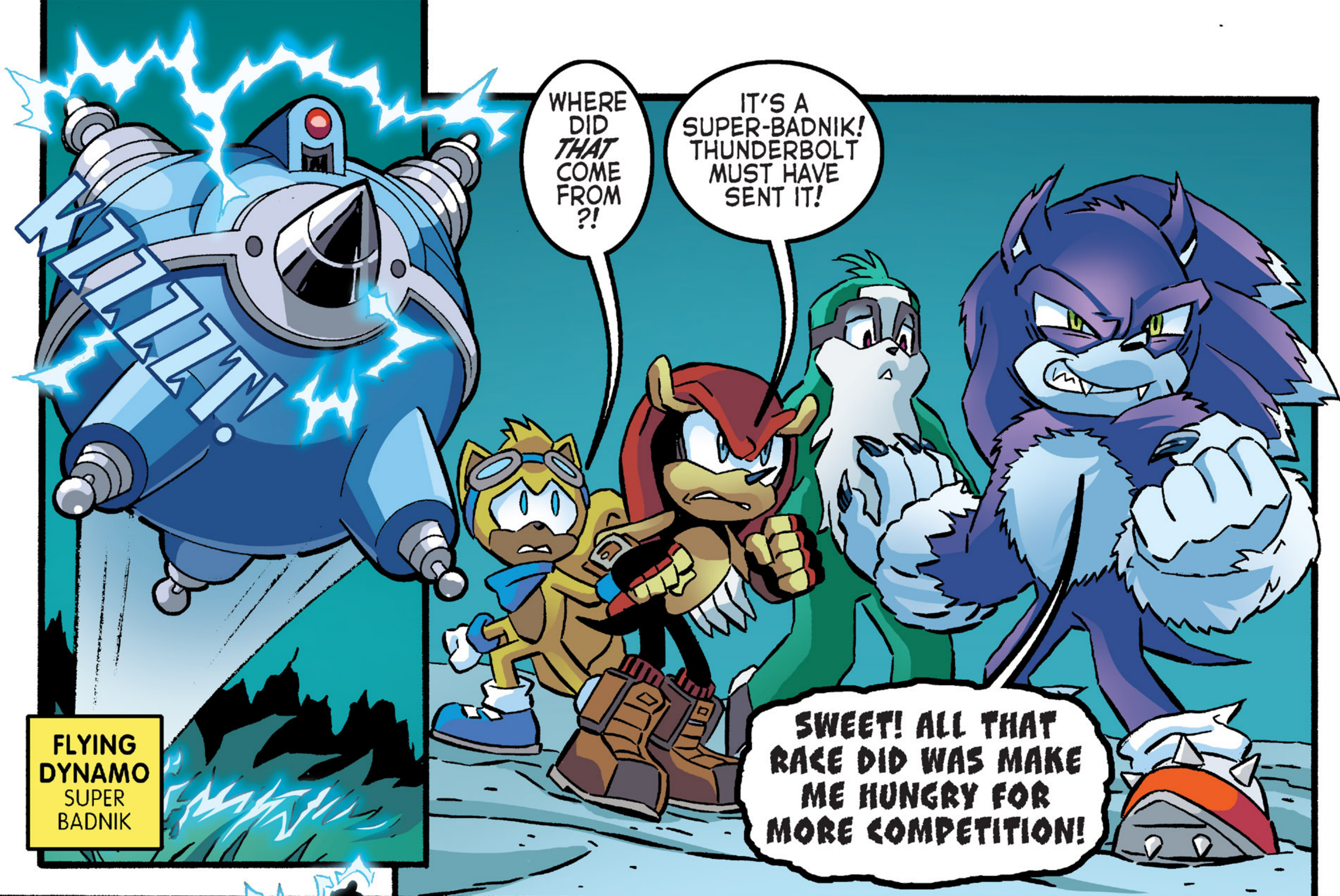
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SAND HILL ZONE...

BOOM! BOOM!
BOOM! BOOM!

BOOM!

ANTOINE!
BUNNIE!
I NEED
SUPPORT!

E-110 LAMBDA
ELITE SUPER-
BADNIK

SALLY ACORN
PRINCESS &
TACTICIAN

VREEEE!
CRUUUNCH

IF 'N Y'ALL CAN LURE
EGGMAN'S BOTS INTO
RANGE, AH CAN TRY
TO BLAST 'EM--

BUNNIE
D'COOLETTE
THE RABBOT

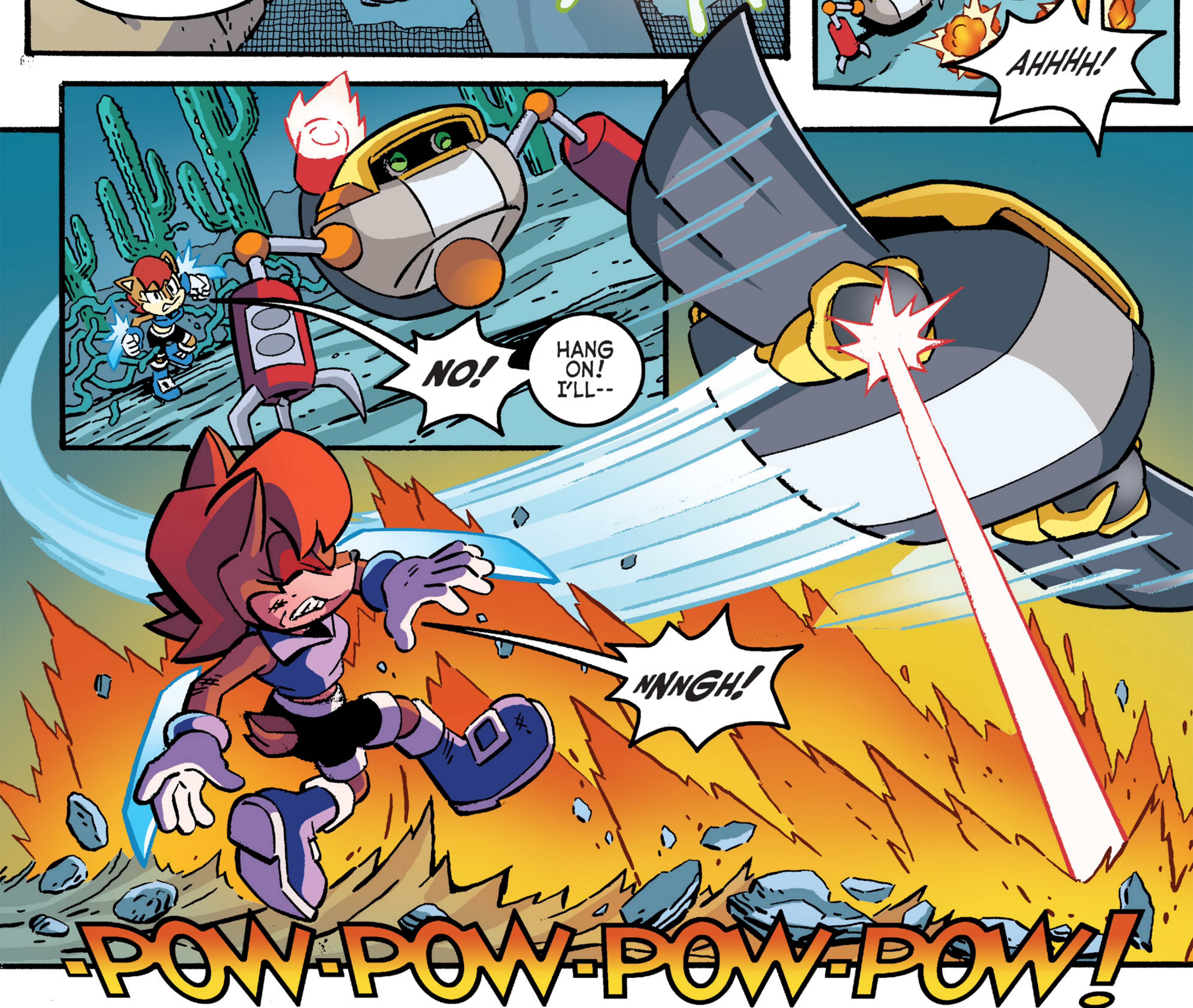
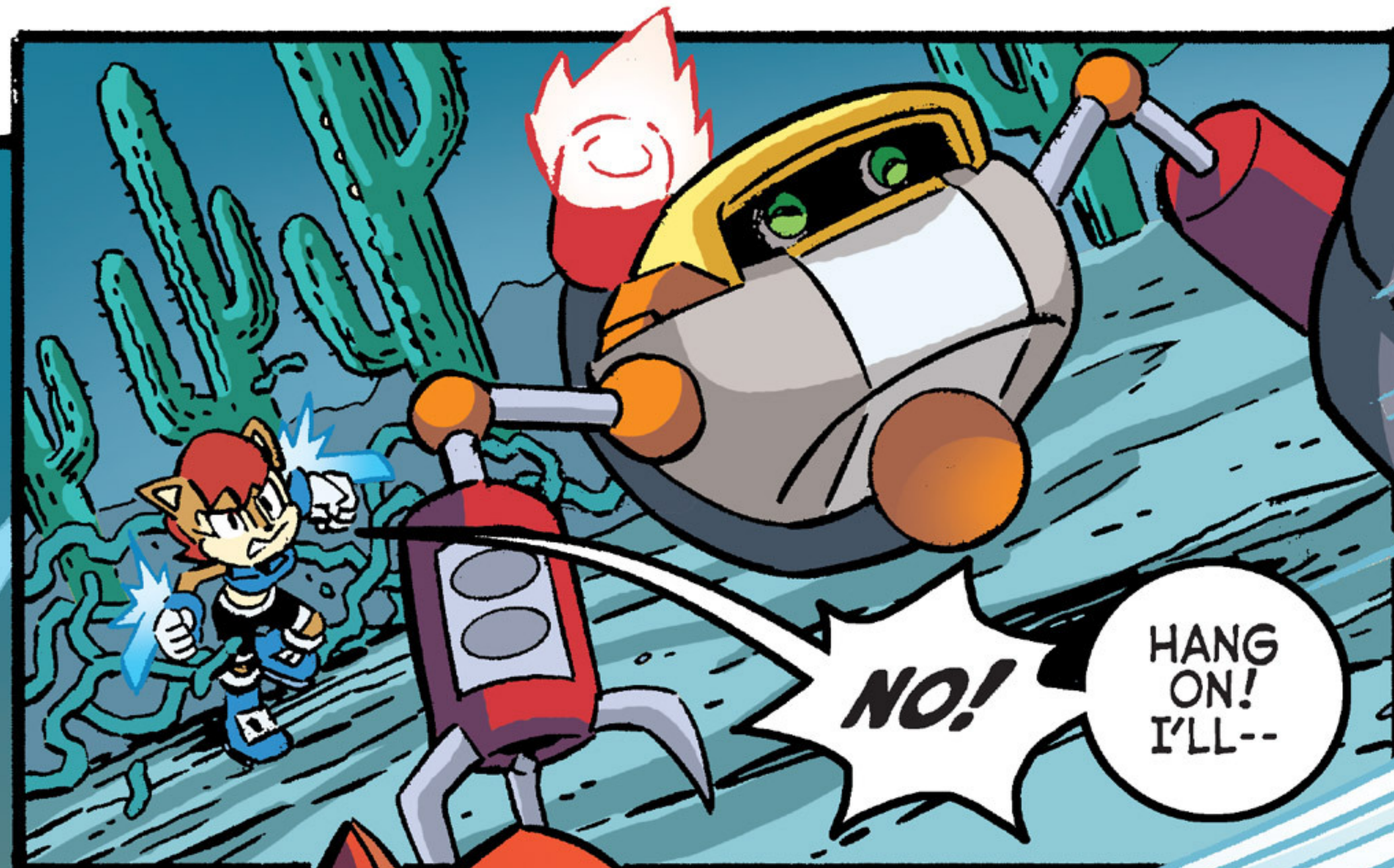
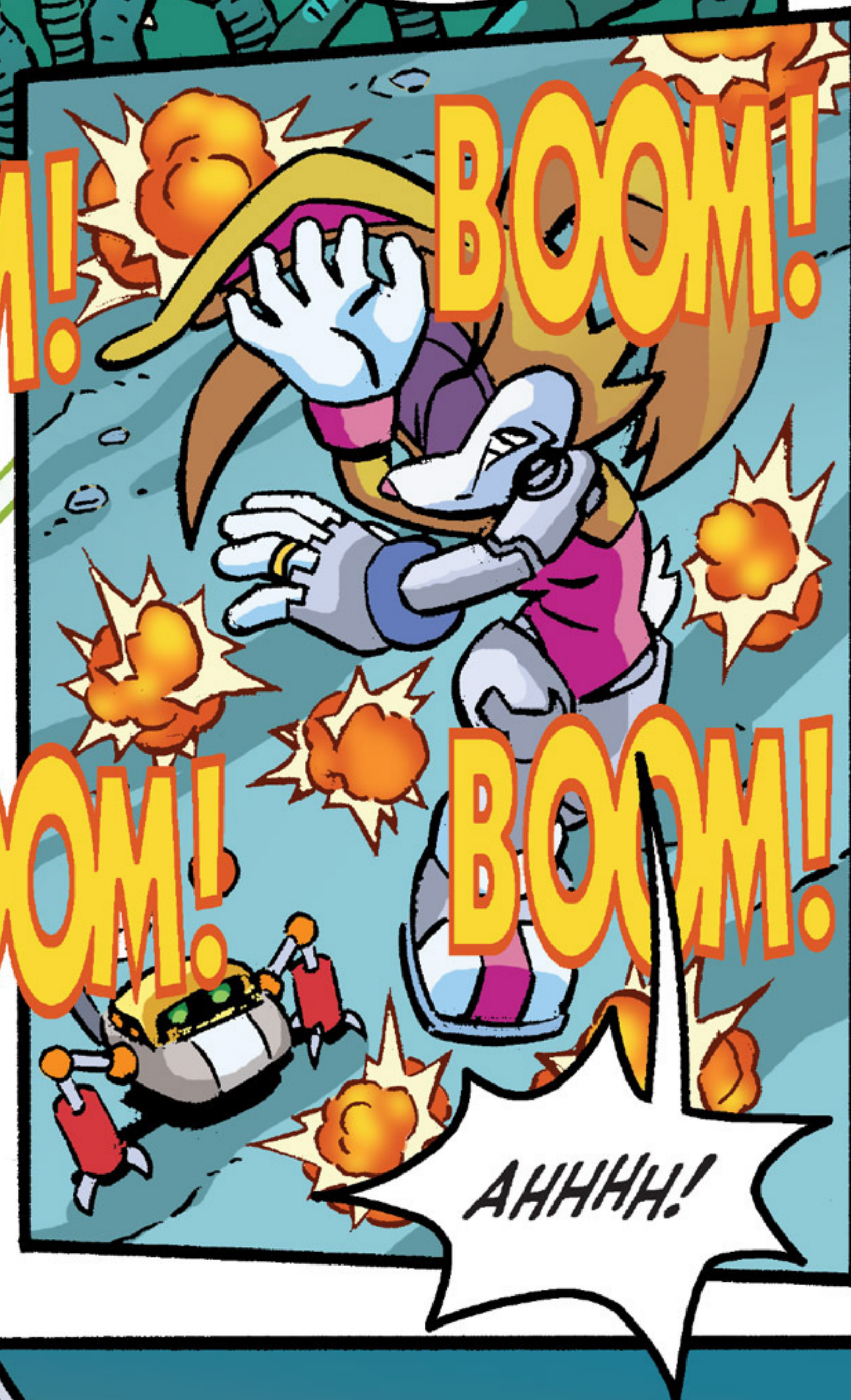
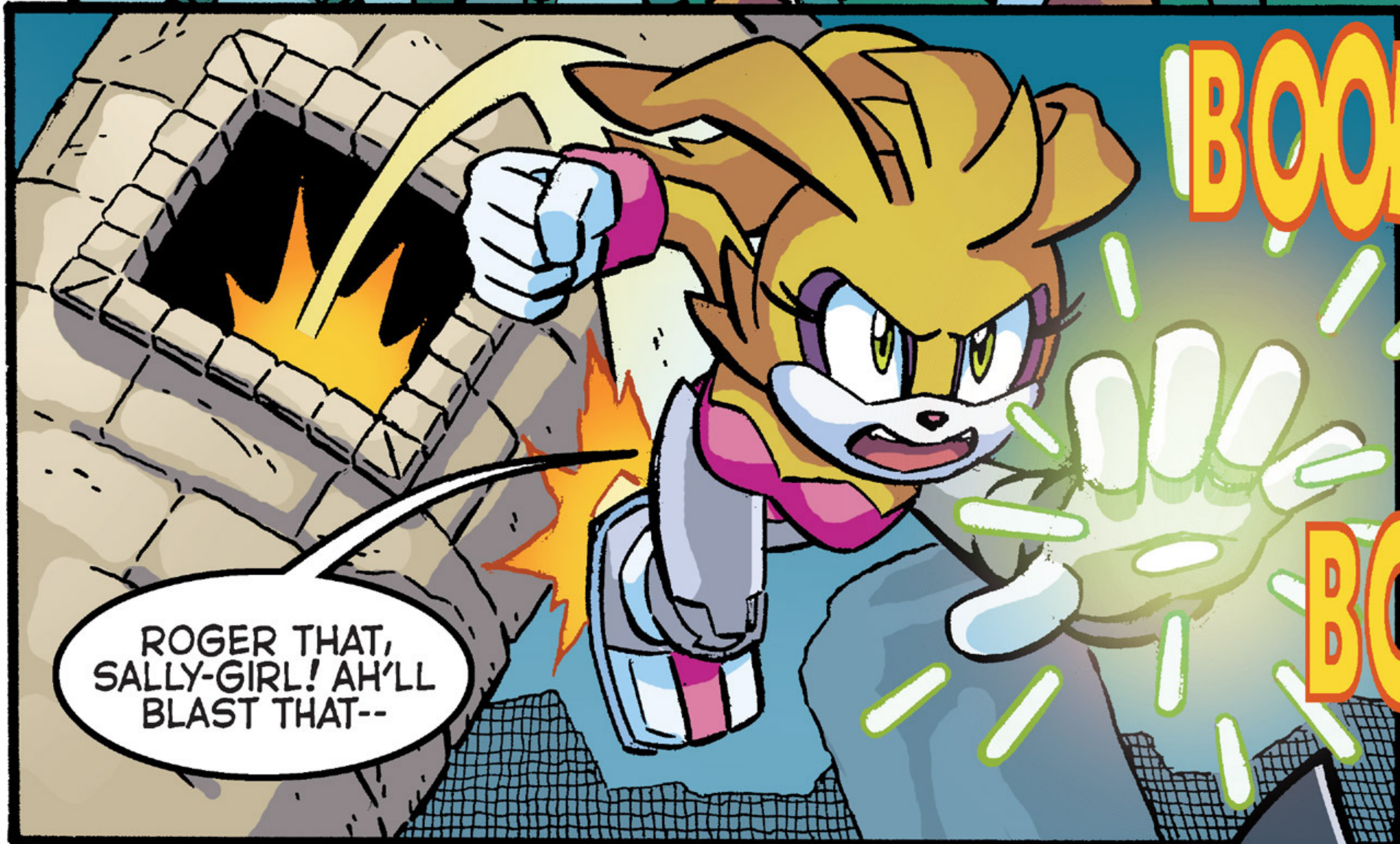
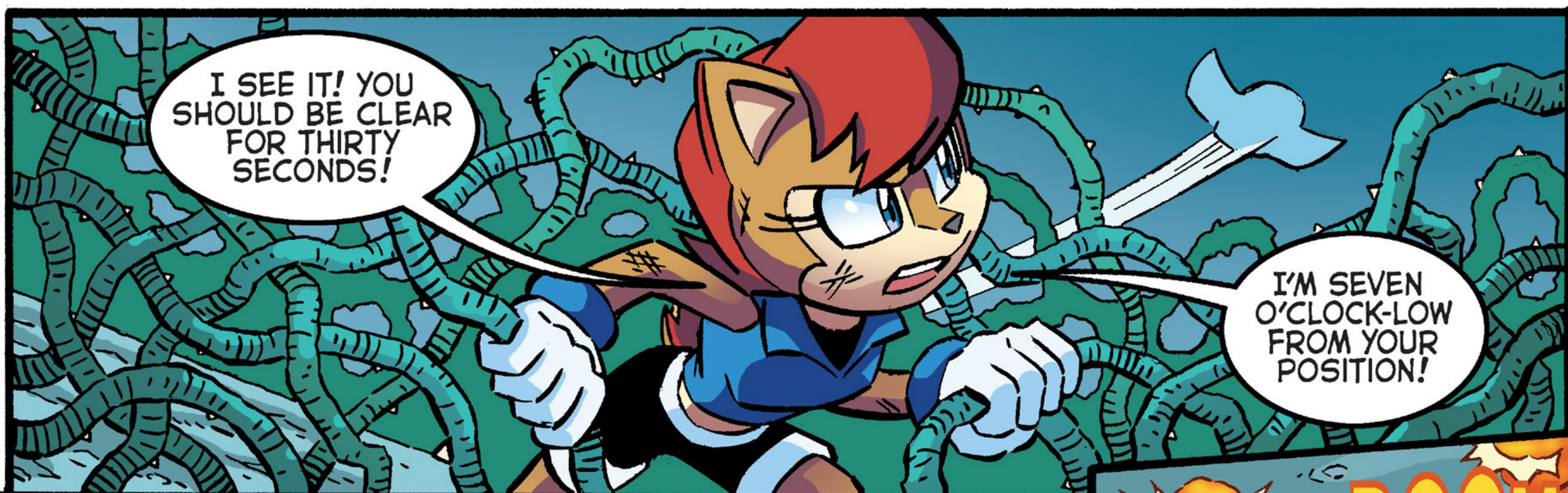
--BUT AH CAN'T DO A
DURN THING WHILE
THAT FLYIN' ONE HAS
ME PINNED DOWN!

WITH ALL ZE
RESPECTING ZAT IS
DUE-- WE ALL NEED
ZE SUPPORT!

ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE
SWORDSMAN

E-109 KAPPA
ALSO OF THE
ELITE E-100
SERIES

E-108 IOTA
AERIAL E-100 UNIT



HIGH ABOVE,
ABOARD THE
SKY PATROL...

CRIPES!
THEY'RE GETTING
HAMMERED!

TAILS! AMY! MEET ME
IN THE HANGAR! TEAM
FREEDOM NEEDS US
ON THE GROUND!

NICOLE! I'M GIVING
YOU COMMAND OF
SKY PATROL! WARM UP
THE GUNS AND KEEP
US STEADY!

ROTOR
THE WALRUS
CAPTAIN &
MECHANIC

AYE-
AYE!

"WE NEED TO GET
THERE BEFORE EGG-
MAN SENDS ANY
MORE SURPRISES!"

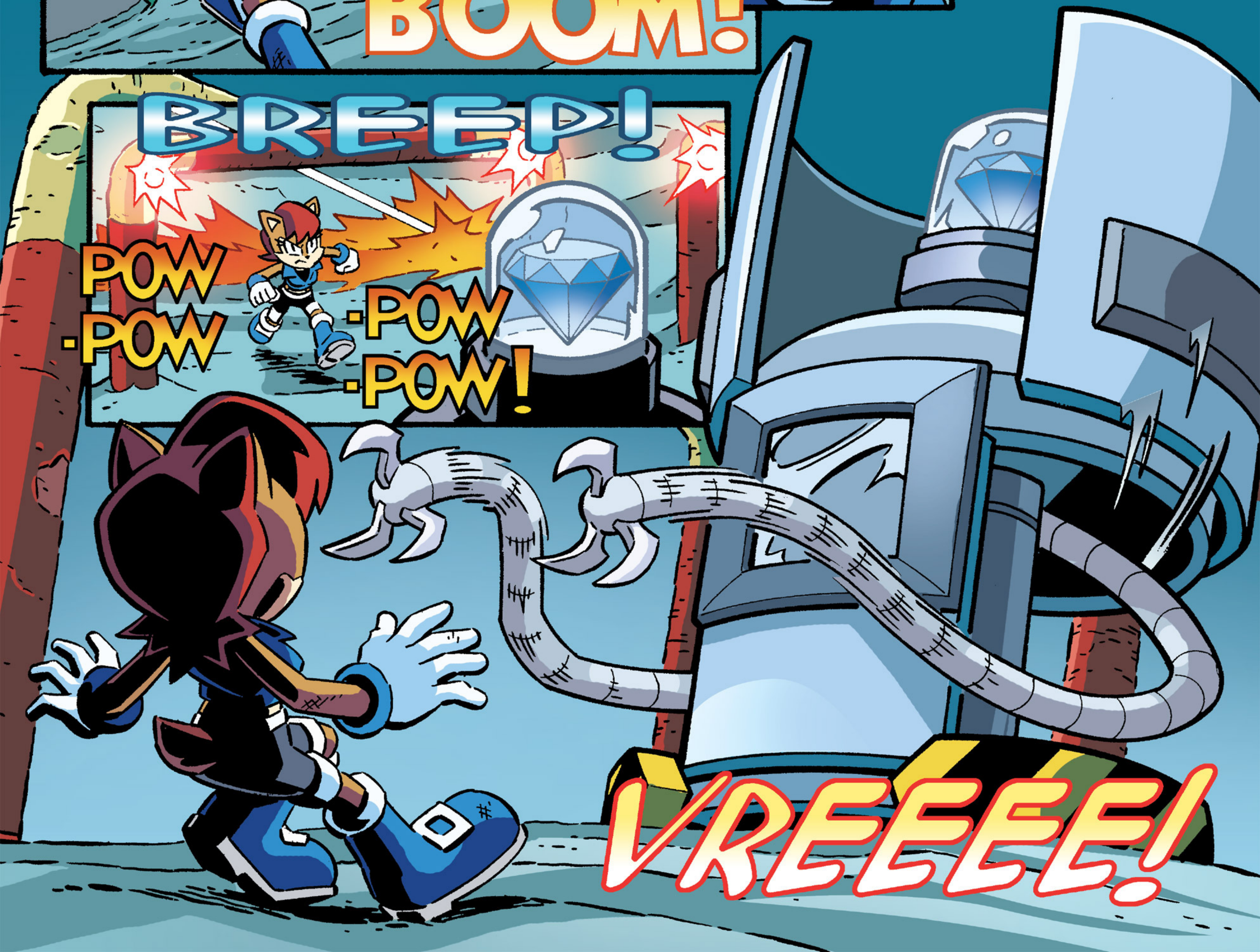
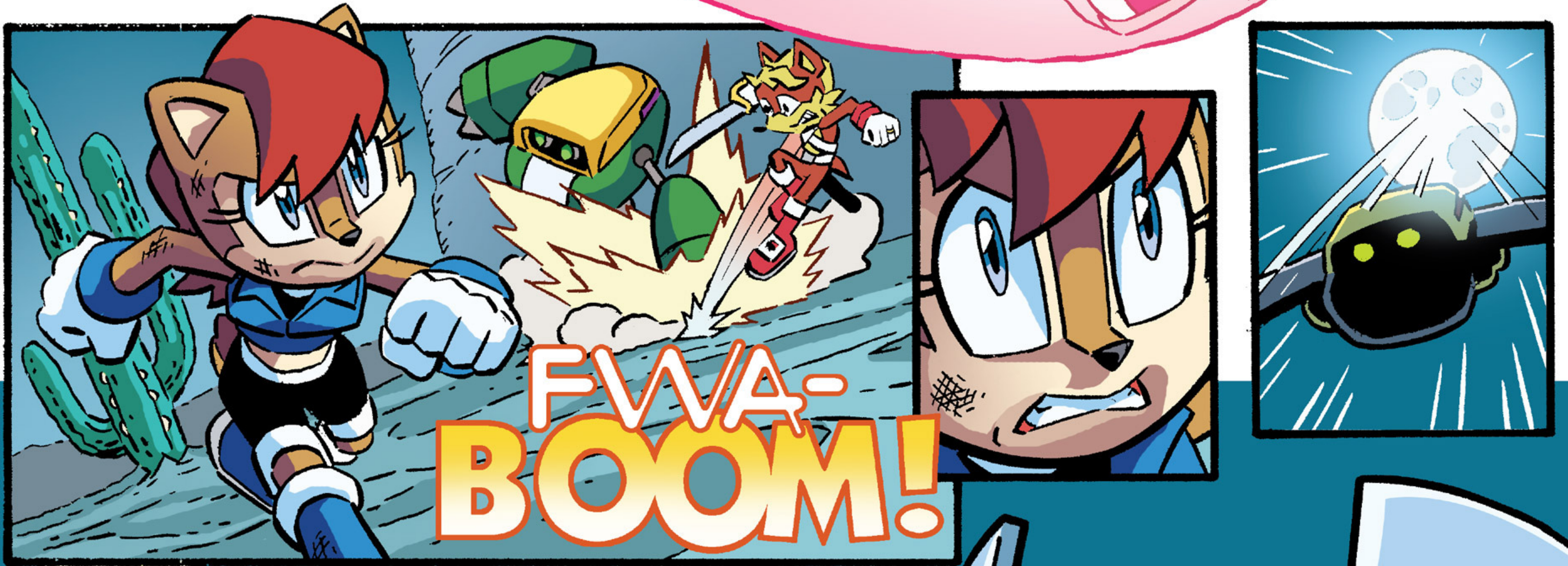
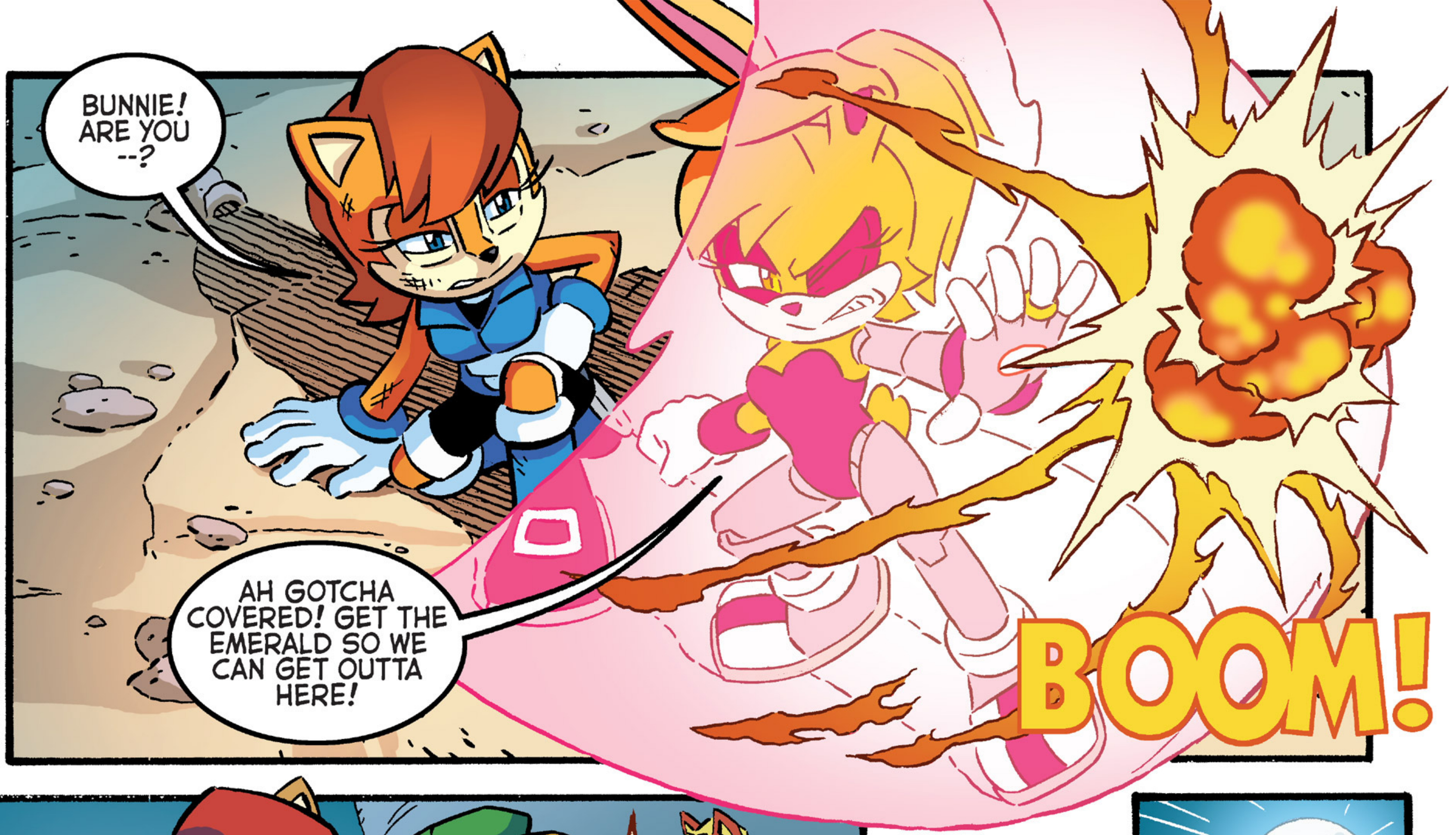
THUNK!

Fweeee

bzzzz

schlurp-
schlurp-

TAILS DOLL
CREEPY SPY
ROBOT





SAL!
THE CAVALRY'S
HERE!

PERFECT
TIMING!

SHING!

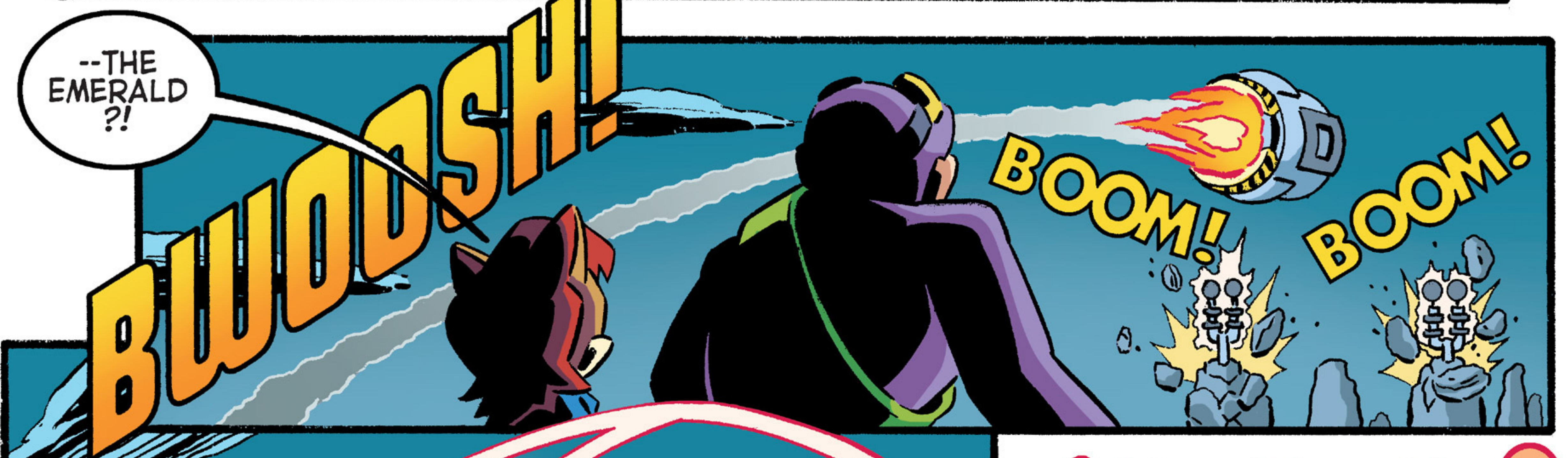
SLAM!

KZZT!



THIS
MISSION'S A
BUST. WE NEED
TO--

TACTICALLY RETREAT--
AGREED. EVERYONE BACK
TO THE SKY PATROL!
WE'LL BLAST THE E-100'S
FROM ON HIGH, *THEN*
GET--

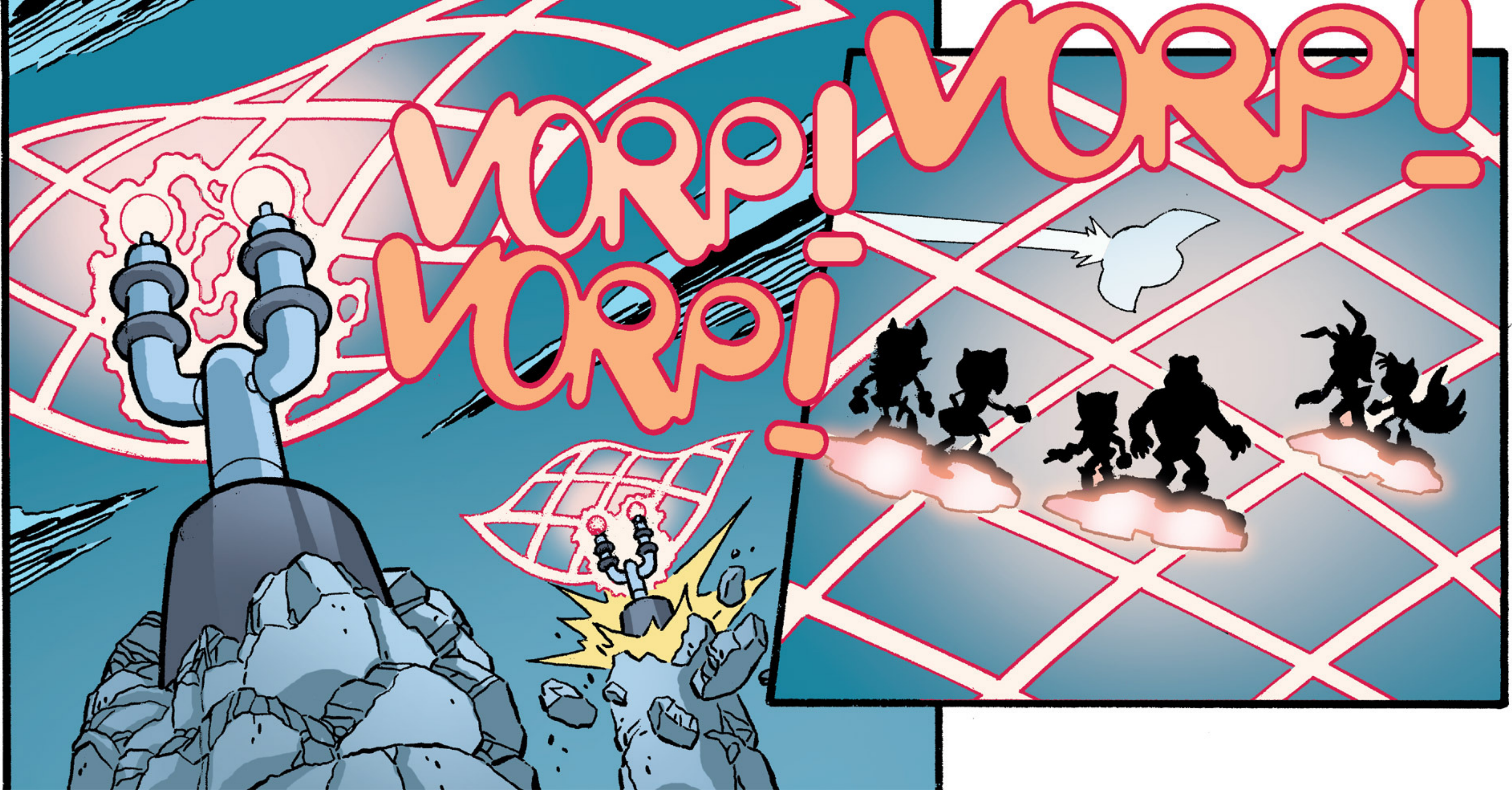


--THE
EMERALD
?!

BWOOSH!

BOOM!

BOOM!



VORP!
VORP!

MEANWHILE, MANY MILES AWAY...

...ABOARD THE DEATH EGG...

WAH-HA-HA!
YES! YES!
BEAUTIFULLY
DONE, MY ELITE
HUNTERS!

DR. EGGMAN
TYRANT

THAT'S WHAT YOU
GET WHEN YOU STEAL
FROM ME, LITTLE
PRINCESS.

AND YOU SAID
SENDING THESE THREE
E-100 UNITS WASN'T
NECESSARY!

NO,
I SAID IT
WAS OVER-
KILL.

ORBOT
SASSY
ASSISTANT

AND I
QUESTIONED THE
"GENIUS" BEHIND
USING THE REAL
CHAOS EMERALD
AS BAIT.

IF THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
MANAGED
TO TAKE
IT...

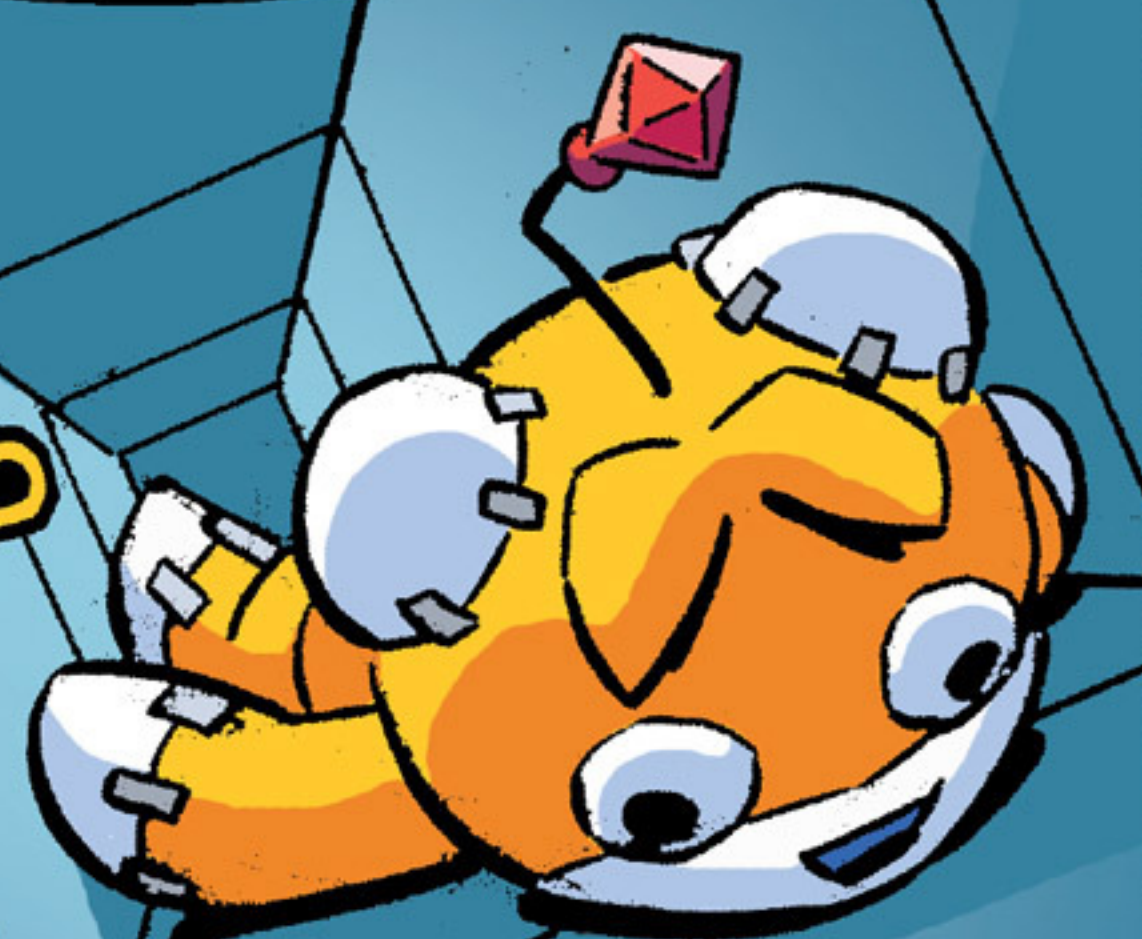
PAH! IF THE TRAP
HAD FAILED, I'D
KNOW WHERE THE
GEM WENT. THE
FOOLS HAVE BEEN
STOCKPILING THEM
FOR ME.

BUT **NOW** WE KEEP THE
EMERALD **AND** HAVE THE
SATISFACTION OF
SNUFFING OUT THE
RESISTANCE.

AND ONCE SONIC
COMES BACK TO THE
SKY PATROL...

"...I'LL BE KEEP-
ING TABS ON HIS
EVERY MOVE."

shulp-



BACK IN ROCKY
JUNGLE ZONE...

ZOT!

RRRRGH!

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT
?!

I'M GONNA
SMELL LIKE
BURNT FUR
FOR THE
REST OF
MY LIFE...

IF I COULD JUST GET
IN CLOSE, THIS'D BE OVER
IN A SECOND, BUT--

ZOT!

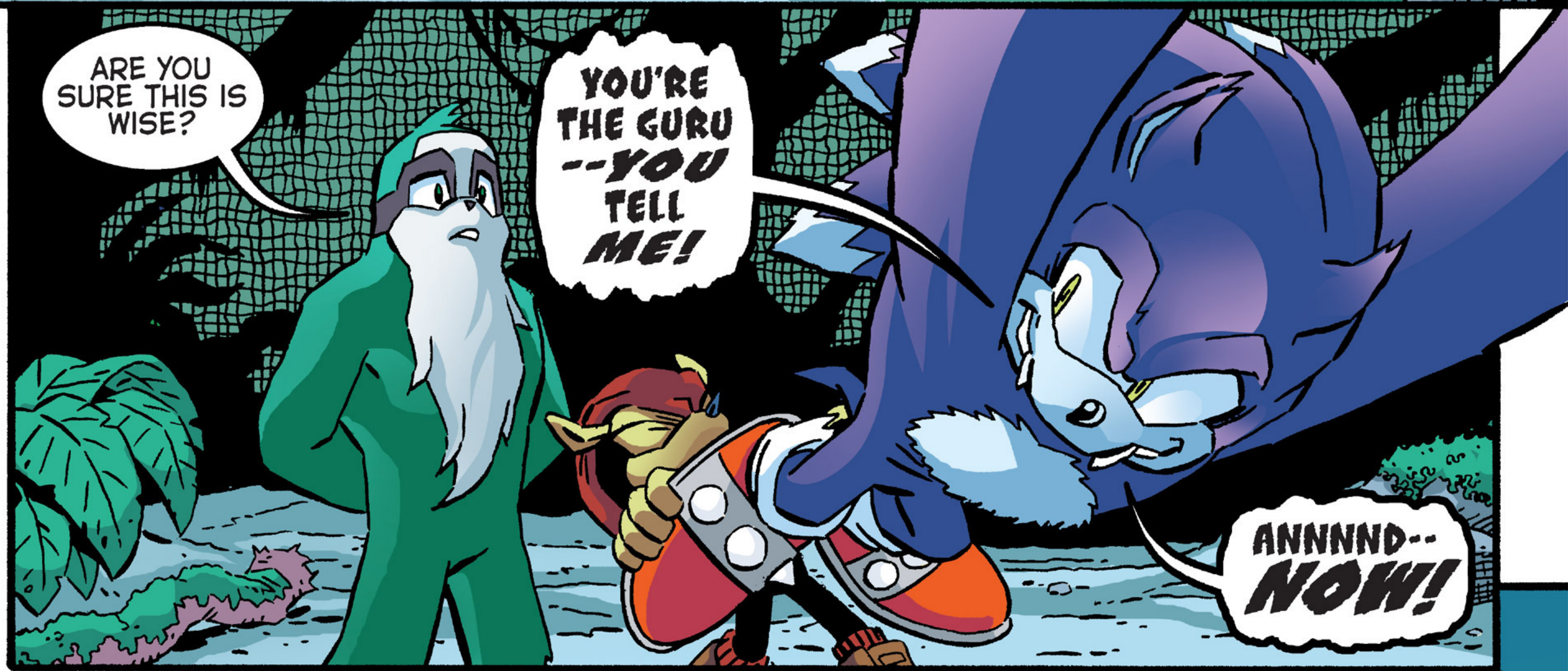
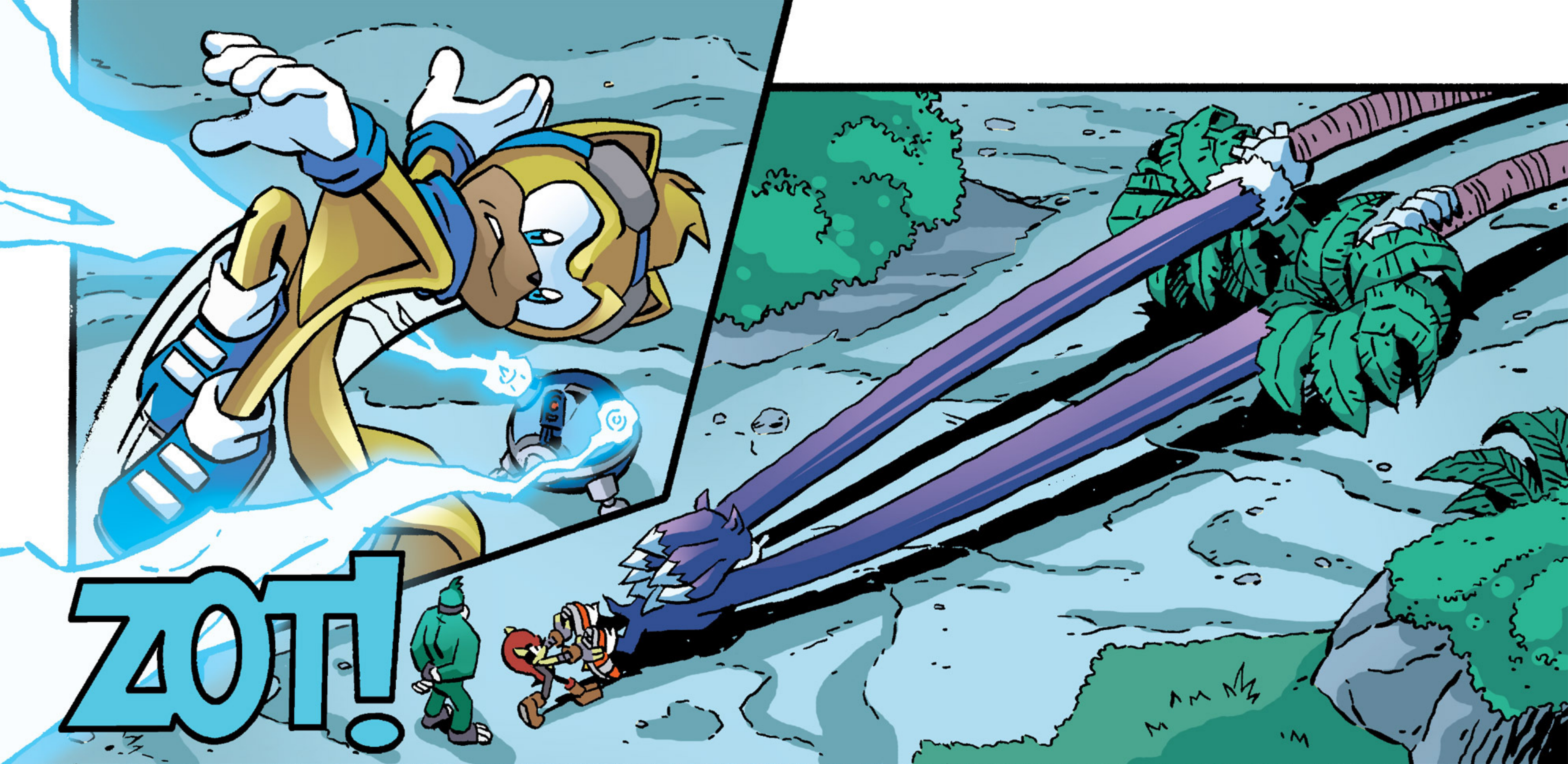
--IT'S NOT
LEAVING US AN
OPENING!

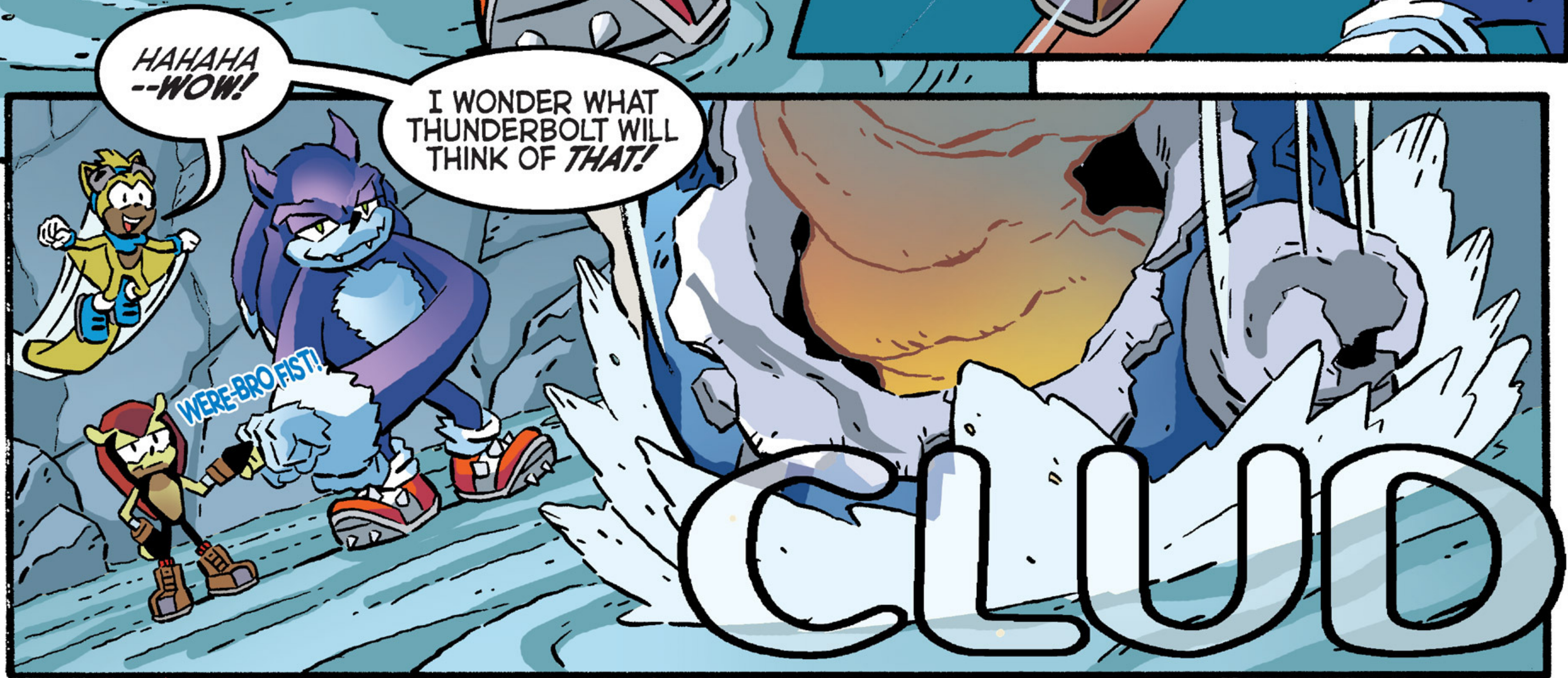
...THEN
WE'LL
**MAKE AN
OPENING!**

WOO!
SOUNDS
LIKE HE HAS
A PLAN!

RAY! KEEP IT
DISTRACTED
FOR A MINUTE!
MIGHTY!
FOLLOW ME!

I HOPE IT'S
BETTER THAN
THAT ONE-
LINER.





SAND HILL ZONE...

NO WAY *TWO* OF US
ON AN AIRBOARD CAN
GET THROUGH.

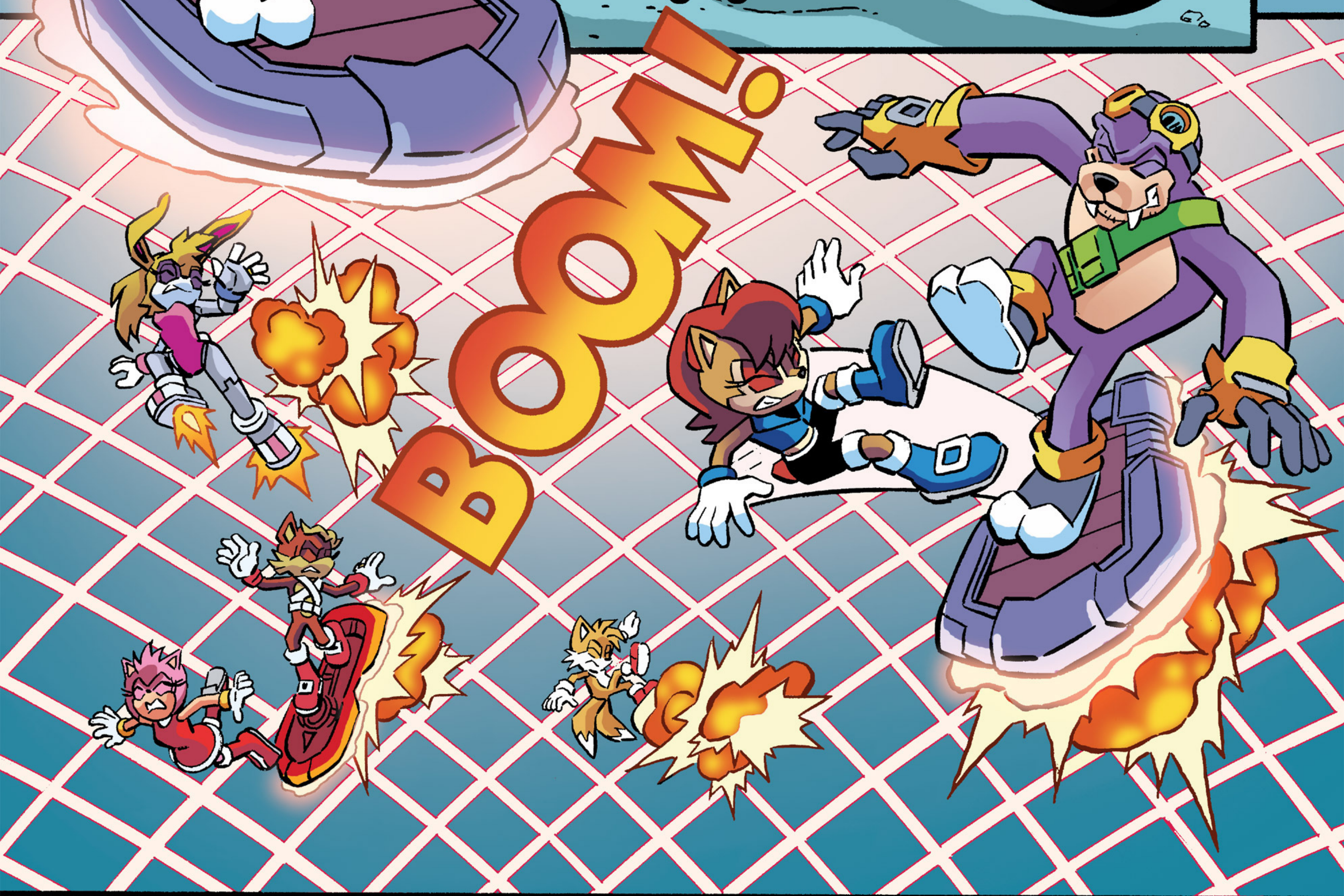
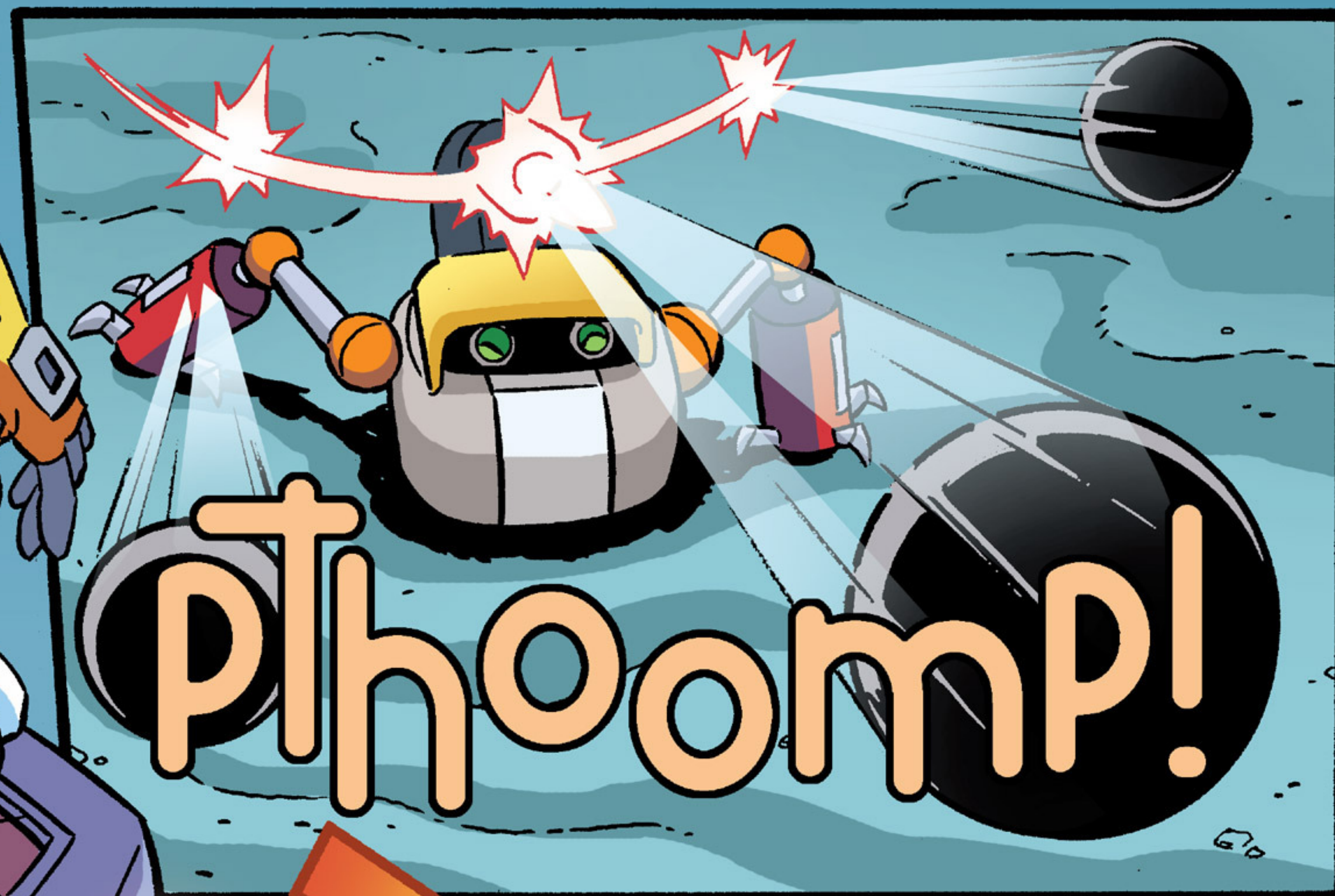
BUT *ONE* CAN--WE'LL
LIE ON OUR STOMACHS!
BUNNIE! TAILS! TAKE
FLIGHT! ANTOINE, GET TO
THE SPARE AIRBOARD!

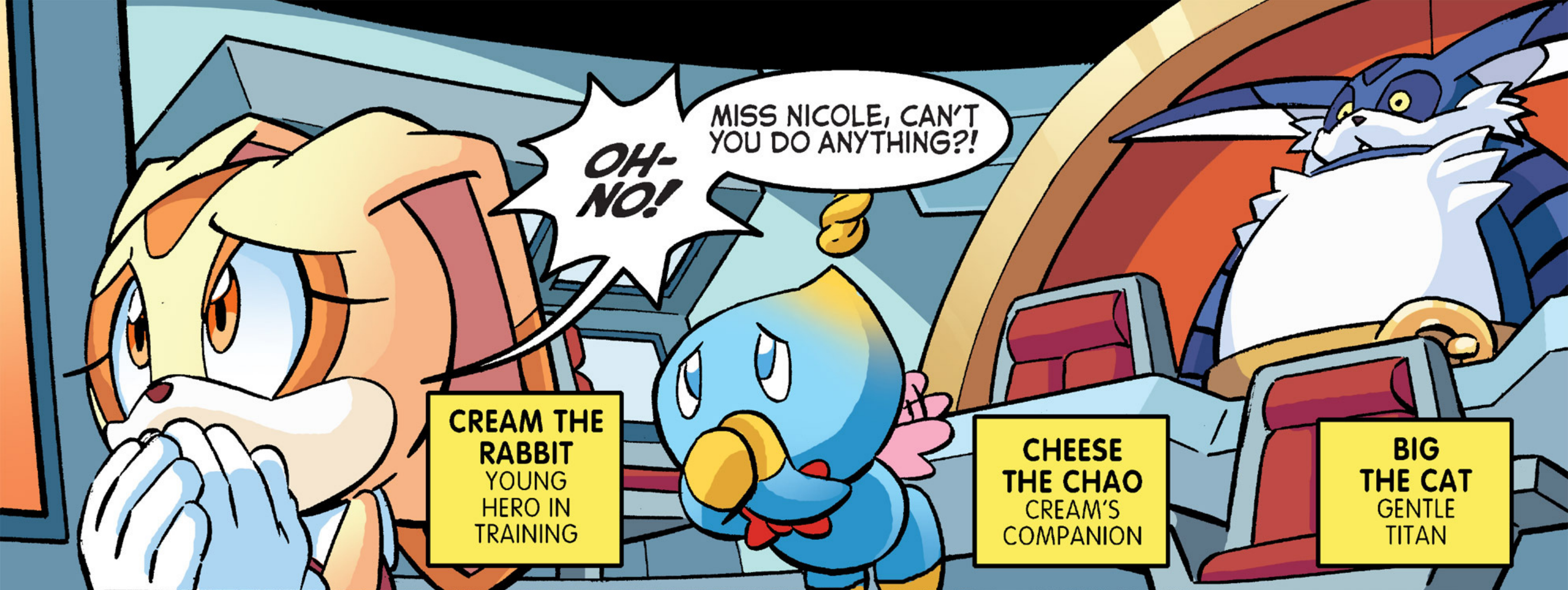
WE'RE ONE AIR-
BOARD SHORT, AND
WE'RE *NOT* LEAVING
YOU BEHIND!

THEN
BUNNIE CAN
CARRY ME!

WE
WON'T MAKE IT
PAST THAT FLYIN'
BOT!

GUYS!
INCOMING!
DIRECTLY
BELOW!





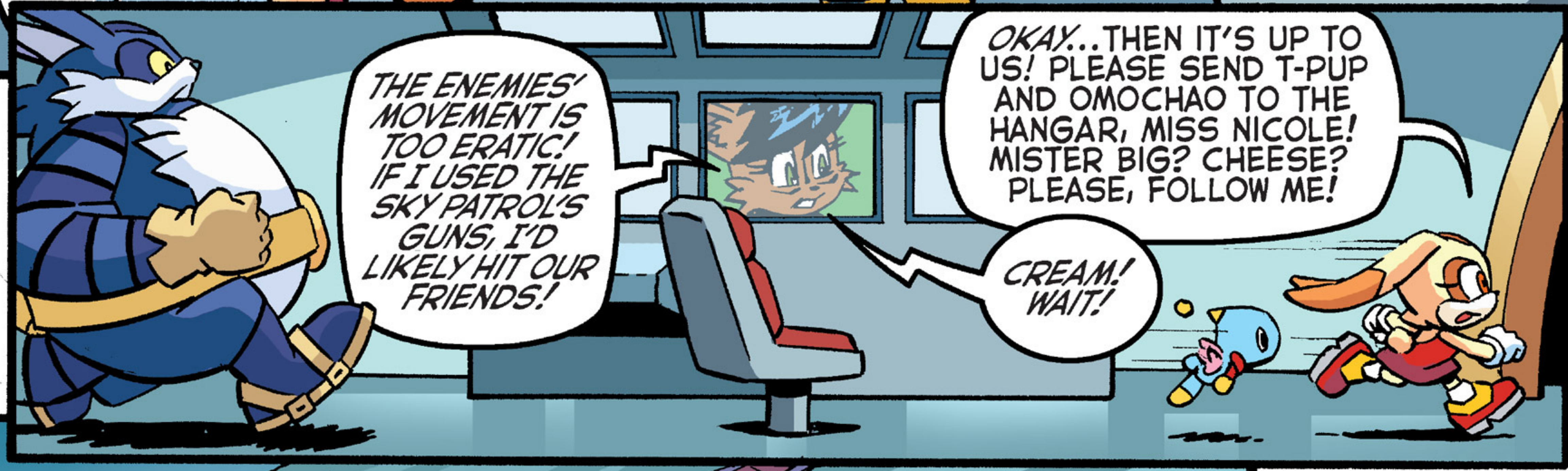
OH-NO!

MISS NICOLE, CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING?!

CREAM THE RABBIT
YOUNG HERO IN TRAINING

CHEESE THE CHAO
CREAM'S COMPANION

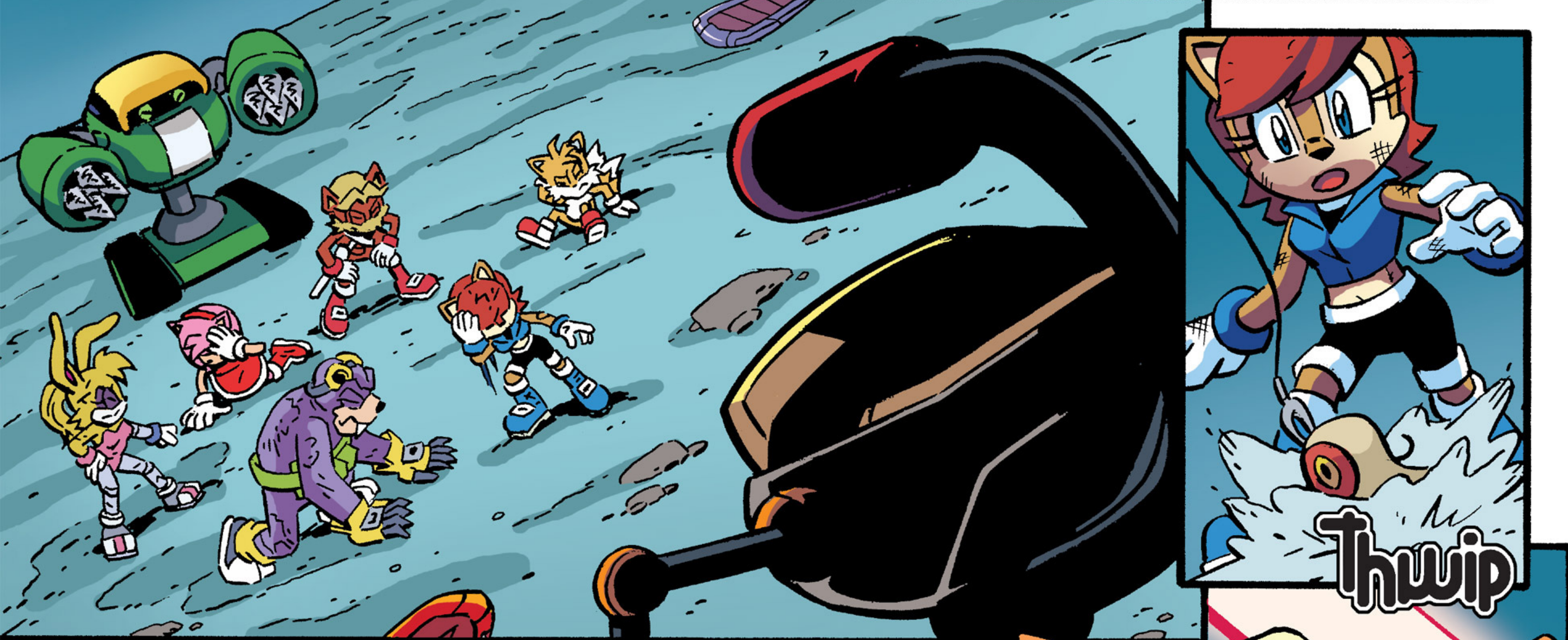
BIG THE CAT
GENTLE TITAN



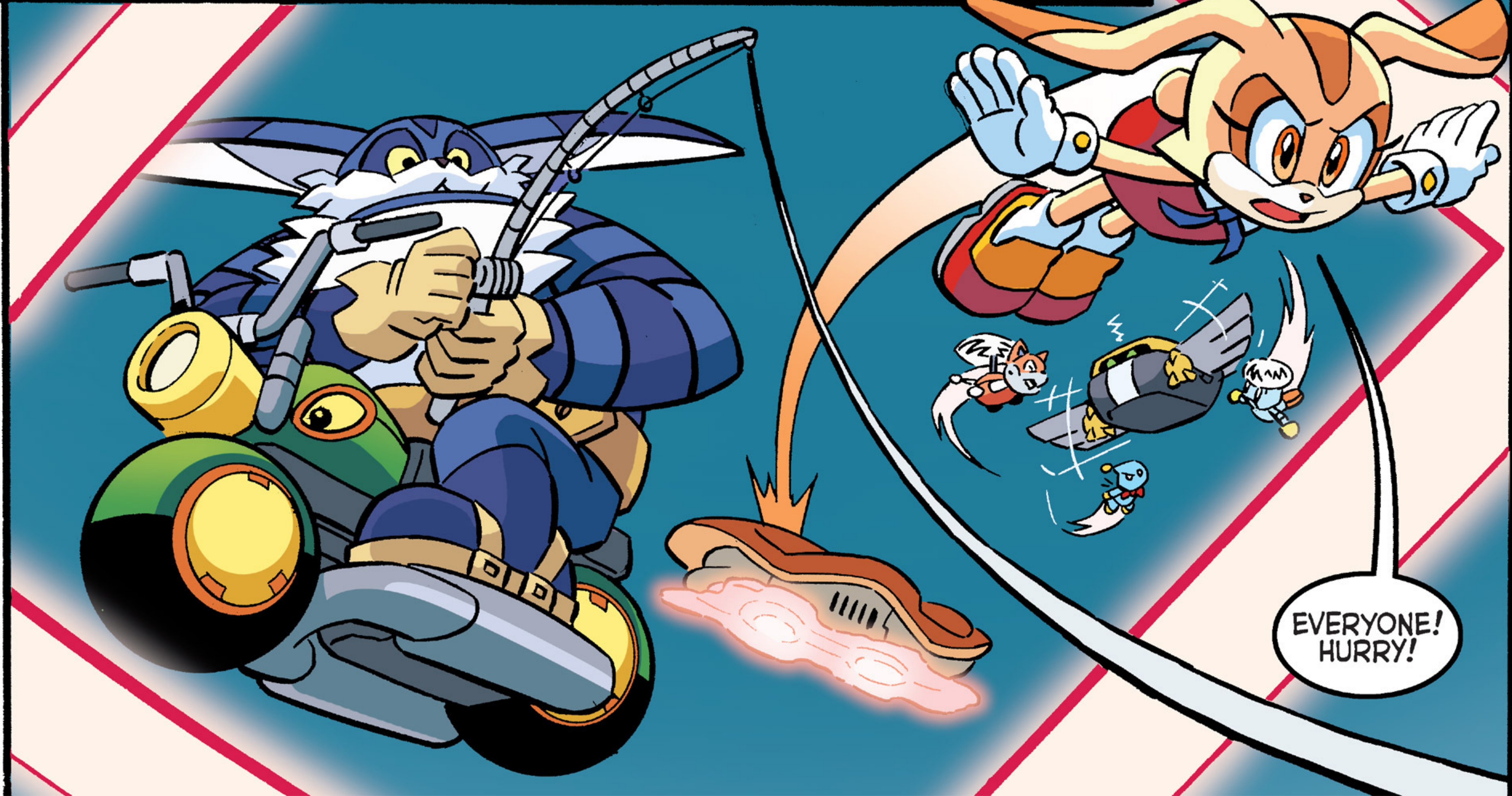
THE ENEMIES' MOVEMENT IS TOO ERATIC! IF I USED THE SKY PATROL'S GUNS, I'D LIKELY HIT OUR FRIENDS!

OKAY... THEN IT'S UP TO US! PLEASE SEND T-PUP AND OMOCHAO TO THE HANGAR, MISS NICOLE! MISTER BIG? CHEESE? PLEASE, FOLLOW ME!

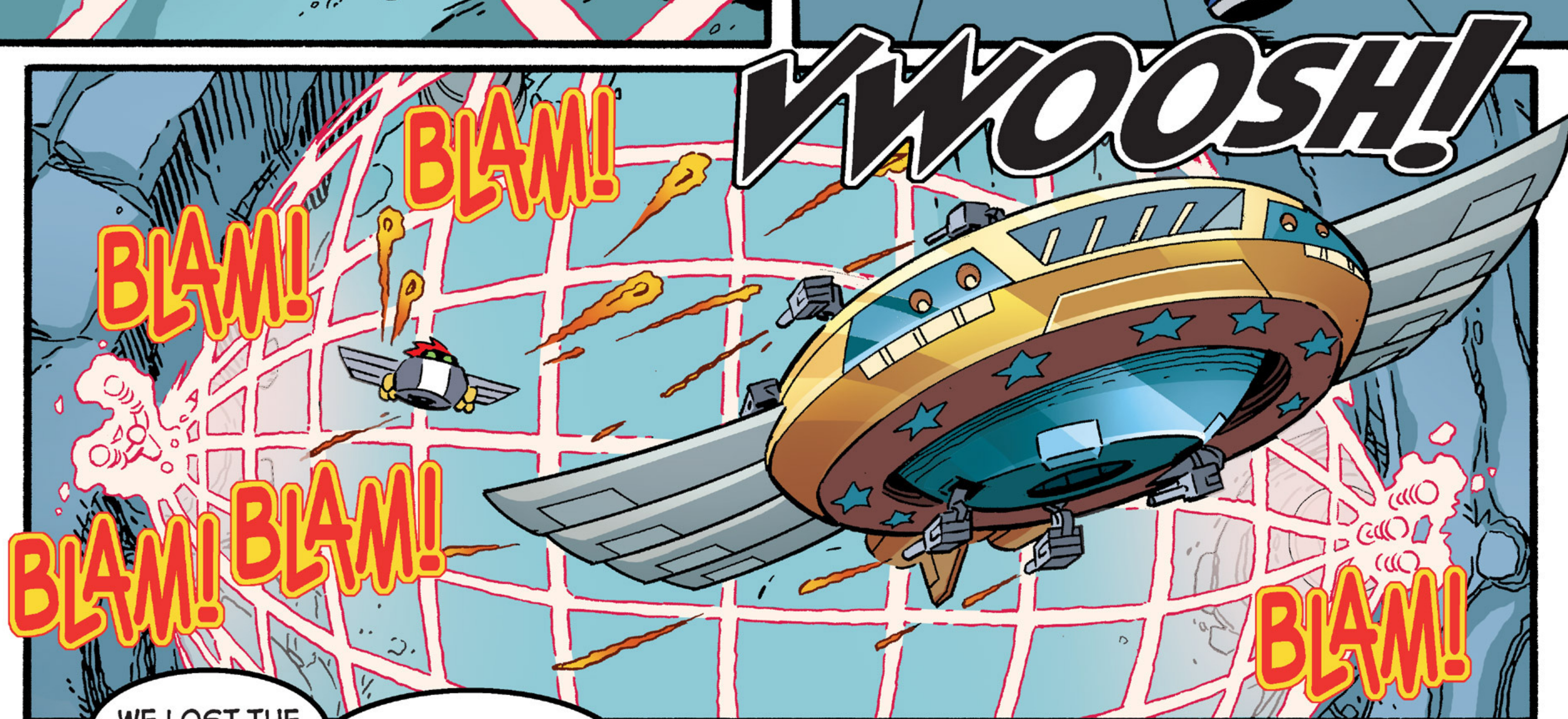
CREAM! WAIT!



Thwip



EVERYONE! HURRY!



WE LOST THE EMERALD...

FOR NOW. BUT, HEY, WE'LL TRACK IT DOWN AGAIN, AND--

IT WAS ANOTHER TRAP. A *BLATANT* TRAP. I NEARLY LED US ALL TO OUR DEATHS.



EGGMAN *KNEW* I'D ACCESSED HIS FILES. HE PLAYED ME LIKE A COMPLETE CHUMP.

AND YOU ALL NEARLY PAID THE PRICE FOR MY SHORT-SIGHTED-NESS.

THE NEXT MORNING...

QUITE THE IMPRESSIVE AIRCRAFT.

THAT'S NOTHIN'. THERE'S AN ENTIRE CORNER OF THE KITCHEN DEVOTED TO CHILI DOGS.

AND YOU'D DIG THE ZEN GARDEN. COME UP SOME TIME AND WE'LL FIND YOU A CORNER TO CALL YOUR "OHM."

WELL, MY RIDE'S HERE. IF YOU FEEL LIKE KICKING BUTT TOGETHER, GIVE US A CALL.

OH, WE WILL.

LATER, GUYS!

YO, TAILS! HOW'D THE MISSION--

--AH. THAT GREAT, HUH?

TWO WORDS: "TOTAL FAILURE."

IS EVERYONE OKAY?

EVERYONE'S INTACT-- BUT SUPER BUMMED.

SOON, IN THE INFIRMARY...

SHEESH
...TAILS SAID
YOU GUYS
WERE INTACT,
BUT HOW
MUCH GLUE
DID IT
TAKE?

YER SYMPATHY
IS ASTOUNDIN',
SUGAR-HOG.

WHAT
HAPPENED?

EGG-
MAN--
OW!

CAREFUL!

THE EMERALD
WAS BAIT. EGGMAN
AMBUSHED US WITH
THREE E-100 UNITS.

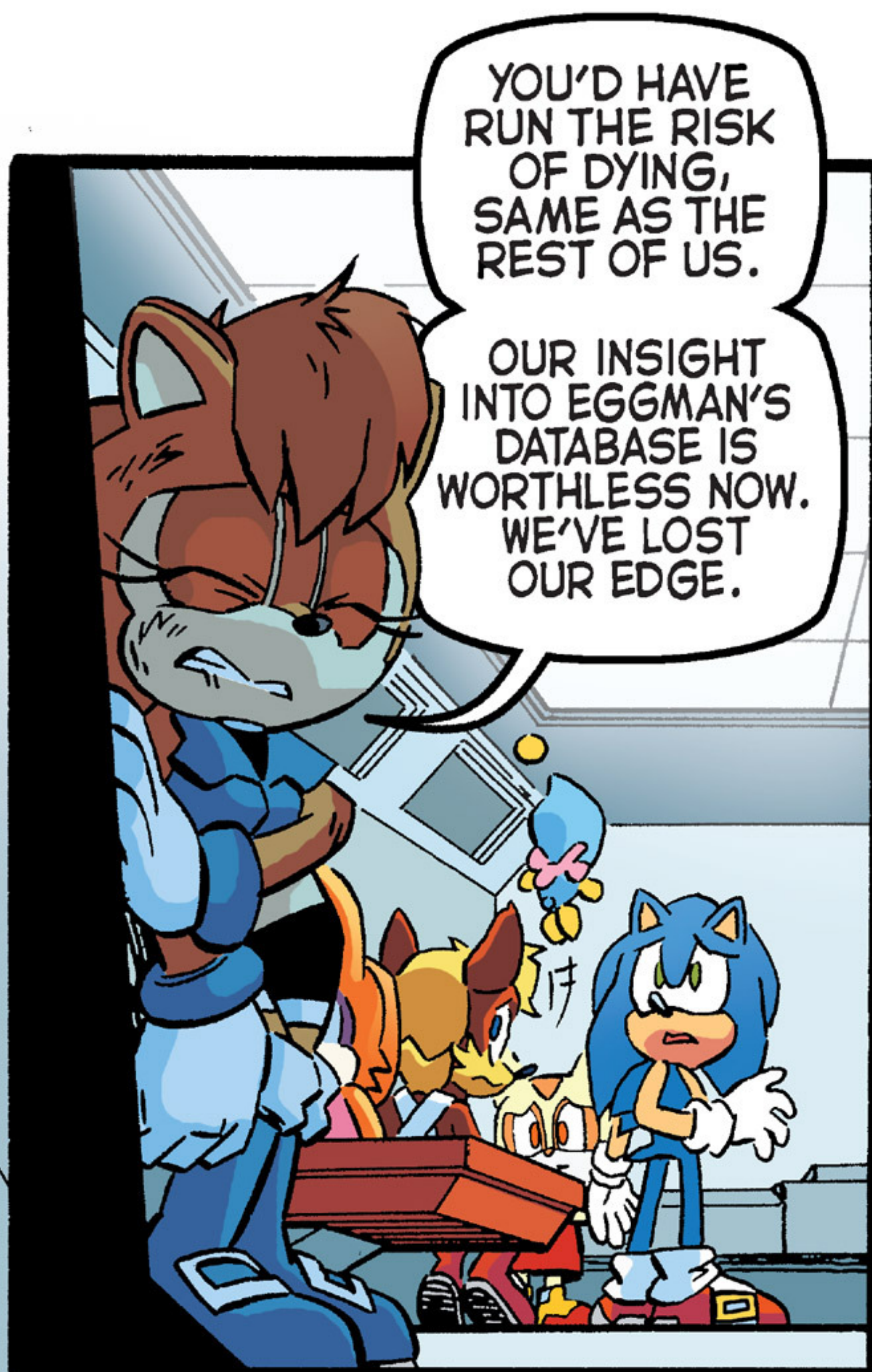
THREE
OF THEM
?!

I SHOULD'VE
BEEN THERE.

YOU
ARE ILL, MON
AMI. YOU NEEDED
HELP.

NO, 'TWAN.

I KNEW I WAS
SICK FOR A WHILE. IF I'D
TAKEN CARE OF THINGS
EARLIER--



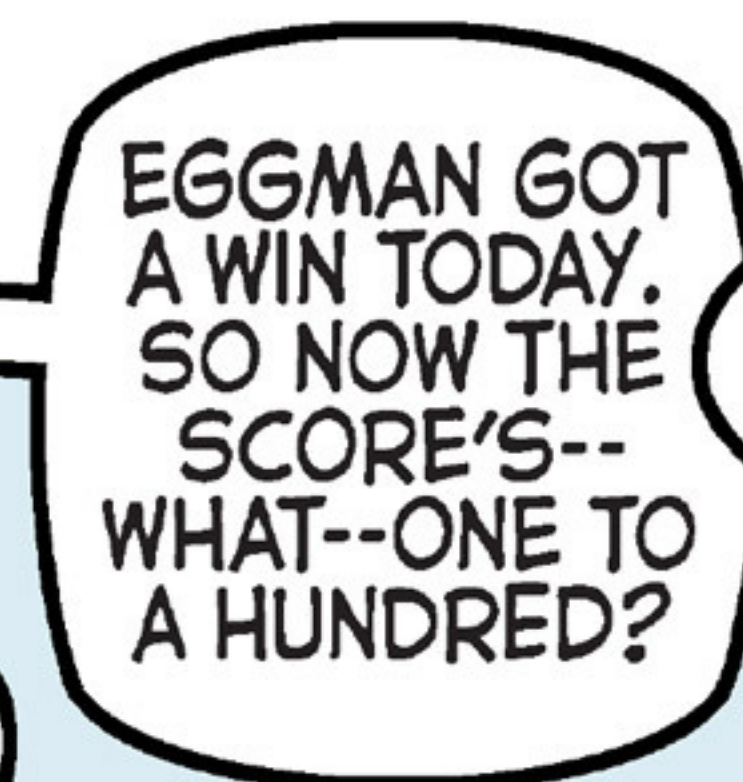
YOU'D HAVE RUN THE RISK OF DYING, SAME AS THE REST OF US.

OUR INSIGHT INTO EGGMAN'S DATABASE IS WORTHLESS NOW. WE'VE LOST OUR EDGE.



NOOO--~~I'M~~ YOUR EDGE. AND I'M BACK. HAVE WE EVER NEEDED MORE THAN THAT IN THE PAST?

...NO.



EGGMAN GOT A WIN TODAY. SO NOW THE SCORE'S-- WHAT--ONE TO A HUNDRED?

HEH...YOU'RE KEEPING SCORE?



WE'RE A TEAM. THE *BEST* TEAM ON THIS WHOLE JIGSAW-PUZZLE PLANET!

AND TOGETHER, WE'LL MAKE SURE EGGMAN WON'T HOLD ONTO THAT EMERALD FOR LONG!



SO...DID YOU FIND THE HELP YOU NEEDED?

OH, YEAH! I'M STILL CHANGING AT NIGHT, BUT I'M READY TO JUMP BACK INTO THE GAME. I WON'T LEAVE YOU GUYS HANGIN' AGAIN!



SO LET'S GET BACK TO SAVING THE WORLD!

NICOLE! YOU'RE BRILLIANT AND STUFF. ANY IDEA ABOUT ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD?



ACTUALLY, I DO HAVE A LEAD ON THAT.



THAT'S ONE FOR **EGGMAN**--
BUT OUR HEROES **BATTLE ON!**
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